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Bruce Patterson

Patterson set to reveal plan next Monday

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The long wait will soon be over as 11th District Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) will reveal next Monday afternoon whether he will seek the GOP nod for state representative or not.

His political colleague State

Whyman at this time is blocked from seeking another term because of term limitations.

Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton) urged political leaders and citizens late last year to pass on their feelings on a possible change of political life for Patterson.

The tall mustachioed Western Wayne commissioner said Bennett's request led to his receiving a number of verbal and written messages of support for Patterson if he decides to seek the seat currently held by

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Patterson added in his 1997 statement "This county government does not work and it will not work for the people when the prevailing attitude and approach is so partisan and results in a failure to reward training, credentials, hard work, dedication and accomplishments."

Major trade corridor effort facing 'rocky' negotiations

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Apparently a rocky negotiation pattern will be developing soon between Romulus, Wayne County and several surrounding communities as plans develop for an international trade corridor around Detroit Metro Airport.

Romulus Mayor William Oakley told members of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday that many parts of the plan are generally favored by Romulus citizens and political leaders.

But the sticking point is the demand by Wayne County officials that the airport own the property and that is the major dividing line between him and the forces of Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, Oakley stated.

The major point of agreement on the trade corridor between the city and Wayne County is, local residents approve of getting the heavy traffic out of the city (via the corridor) and the county wants to get the major traffic vehicles in and out of the airport easily.

The major roads surround-

ing the corridor area would be Inkster road, Pennsylvania road, I-275 and Ecorse road, Oakley said.

The mayor said he is convinced that long negotiations will ultimately lead to the creation of such a corridor, but he is not sure it will happen during his administration.

Oakley said that the city and county have also been slowed down with differences of opinion on the trade off concerning the city's Department of Public Works building.

Nearly two years ago Oakley said a new DPW building was his administration's top priority, even over a new public safety facility. The city's DPW facility on Goddard road has to be razed to make way for the planned fourth parallel runway at the Metro Airport.

But Wayne County was to trade off a portion of its land and help pay for a new DPW facility up to the financial worth of the old building. Those talks have been somewhat stalled also, Oakley said.

Once the city gets the go-ahead on the DPW project, the mayor said, it will take about six to eight months to build.

The most positive news for



Mayor William Oakley



Richard Marsh

the city was Oakley's statement that the city's side of the Vining road project will be opened this June.

City Community Development Director Richard Marsh revealed his department has been working with existing businesses to keep them interested in remaining in the Romulus community.

Marsh said that the state has

warned that one out of four existing Michigan businesses is targeted by out-of-state forces to move. "We have to let these owners and managers know that we care and are willing to follow up on their business needs."

He also distributed a major booklet on Romulus strengths that is given to those seeking to relocate within the city.

Romulus was safe But 29 died on holiday roadways statewide

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

While the Romulus area marked a "safe and sober" Christmas/New Years holiday traffic period, Police Lt. Eric Painter revealed Tuesday, 29 persons were killed throughout Michigan during those two holidays.

"Locally we were pleased to report no fatalities or serious injury accidents during the holiday periods," Painter said. "We always hope that an injury or death free holiday signals lasting traffic success. "But unfortunately that isn't usually the case since some motorists continue to drink and drive, speed erratically and fail to wear safety belts," Painter added.

Romulus police put out 20 hours of additional patrol time

as part of the state's safe and sober holiday initiative, he said, and as a result local patrol officers arrested one driver for operating under the influence of alcohol, four for driving while their driving privileges were suspended and 30 for other complaints including speed, seatbelt and other moving violations.

In addition Romulus police took enforcement actions during regular patrol hours and arrested over 20 persons for liquor violations, including three on New Years Eve.

But the local successes were tinged by the fact that unlike 1996, when there were no liquor related traffic deaths in Michigan during the holiday period, this year 11 were killed over the Christmas holiday and 18 over New Year's (with



Lt. Eric Painter

more than half being called alcohol related).

One of the saddest crashes, Painter said, was the New Year's Day crash on US-23 near Ann Arbor involving a drunk driver that claimed the lives of three life-long friends.

Such tragedies "provide ample evidence that more needs to be done to convince motorists to comply with traffic safety laws," Painter said.

The fact that 200,000 motorists were said to have been on Michigan roadways this past holiday season, it is no surprise that a crash like that could occur, Painter said.

Romulus police will continue its partnership in the Michigan Safe and Sober program throughout the year, Painter added, such as during Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day.

Anti-casino leadership changes

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Detroit Metropolitan area's anti-casino forces will get a Religious household name as its new leader working to kill Detroit casino plans as veteran United Methodist Pastor William Quick takes over for Salvation Army Lt. Col. William Speck.

Speck, who helped organize the latest anti-casino crusade late last year, has been promoted and soon will be leaving for Des Plaines, Ill., where he will head the Army's midwest personnel office.

As his near closing statement on behalf of the Repeal Proposal E effort throughout Michigan, Speck revealed "we now have 2,000 petition circulators in every county in the state."

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Pastor Brad Lewis of the Community United Methodist

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Church of Romulus is serving as the Western Wayne County anti-casino coordinator. He can be reached by calling 313-941-0736.

Quick, senior pastor at the Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Detroit, is a long-time casino battler.

He has led numerous successful anti-casino battles in the Detroit area and opened his leadership reign by stating "my sense is that America is finally wising up to the problems casinos can bring to a community."

Pro-casino forces are sure to press the volatile issue of massive American dollars

crossing the border to Windsor casinos in its campaign this fall.

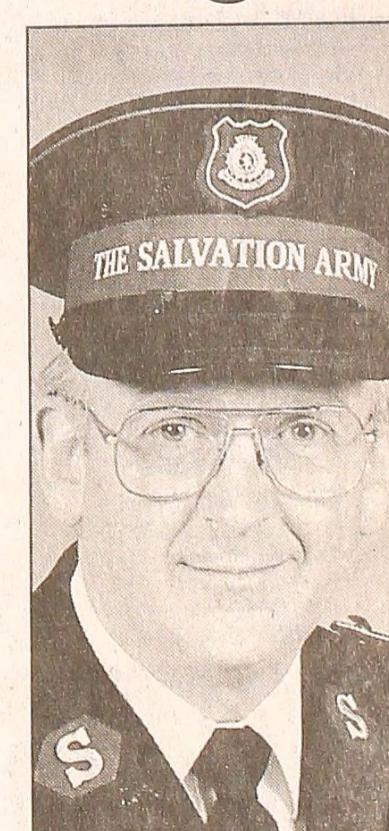
Meanwhile the anti-gambling effort will stress family concerns, using statistics that show money spent on gambling cuts the Metro area family's ability to purchase needed labor and supplies, heightens the number of family bankruptcies and often leads to family strife (including spousal and child abuse).

Assisting Quick will be political consultant Peter Fletcher, who served as a consultant to former Michigan Govs. George Romney and William Milliken.

Meanwhile at the Army's eastern state headquarters in Southfield, it was announced that Col. Franklyn Thompson will be Speck's successor. He currently serves as the Army's leader of 16 Caribbean countries.

Thompson, a Bahamian, is married to Col. Joan Thompson, a native of Guyana.

They are relocating to the Detroit area.



Col. William Speck

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Police Beat

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Jan. 22, 1998

VAN BUREN REPORTS

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Police Reporter

A breaking and entering in the 6200 block of Haggerty Rd. was transferred to the detective bureau for investigation.

Officers had to physically remove a disorderly person from a location in the 4800 block of the S. Service Drive.

A caller stated there was a prowler at the 11000 block of Beckley. Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

Officials responded to the 11000 block of Meadows Cr. to verify that a missing person had returned to the location.

Glass was shattered out of a location at the 8700 block of Belleville Rd. Police officers secured the location.

On Dec. 24 at approximately 2:45am, Van Buren Police assisted Wayne County with a drunk driving arrest on Sumpter Rd. north of Bemis.

Air bags were reported stolen from the 48000 block of Denton.

An injury accident was responded to on Christmas Eve at Haggerty and Ecorse.

Kmart on Rawsonville Rd. called officers to their location on Christmas Eve in which an

arrest was made for charges of Embezzlement and Retail Fraud.

Gang activity was reported from the Parkwood Manor area.

An accident was called in from Haggerty Rd. S. of Huron River Dr. Evidently it was not too bad, as upon arrival, the vehicles were not there.

An auto accident was reported at Rawsonville and the S. Service Dr. on Dec. 24.

A disabled vehicle blocking traffic sent officers to Ecorse and Belleville Rds. The officers moved the vehicle out of harms way.

An assault and battery report was made from the 6800 block of Country Lane.

A trespasser sent the police to the 20 block of Birch Rd. Officers removed the suspect from the location.

Two 911 calls came in on Dec. 24. One was a problem with the phone. The second was a juvenile playing with a phone.

There was an accident at Belleville Rd. and Ecorse Rd. on Jan. 4 at about 8:15pm.

An assault and battery was reported at the Red Roof Inn on Jan. 5.

Van Buren Police were called to assist Romulus Police. Romulus made a traffic stop at Tyler and Hannan

Roads when the person driving the vehicle bailed out and ran. They were not able to find the driver.

An accident occurred at Ecorse and I-275 during morning rush hour, Jan. 5.

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A caller from Harbour Club said there was a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot. Police located the car. The people in

the car were looking for an address.

Police assisted Huron Valley Ambulance with a medical emergency from Ash St. on Jan. 6.

A trip was made to the Wayne Police Department for a warrant pick up. The arrest was made at that time by Van Buren.

A harassment report was made from Meadow Circle at 3:00am on Jan. 6.

Another warrant pick up and arrest was made at Detroit Police Dept.

Meijers called to report retail fraud in the early evening hours of Jan. 6. It was reported a juvenile with alcohol. The kid was arrested.

A fight broke out at the recreation department. Injuries sent one person to the hospital.

On Jan. 7 another arrest was made at Meijer's for retail fraud.

Two calls came within 1 1/2 hours of each other from the 10000 block of Buchanan. One location made a report of threats. The other location had property destruction.

A caller from the 9200 block of Parkwood said their license plate was stolen. Turned out to be a false report.

Police received two calls in the early morning hours of

Jan. 8. One stated there was a prowler in the 6800 block of Edwards. The next was a prowler in the 900 block of Sumpter Rd.

A car fire was reported at Ecorse and Sheldon at about 6:15am on Jan. 8.

Someone called and asked officers to check the well being of the homeowner from the 48000 block of Denton. Resident was okay.

A verbal domestic call from the 100 block of Maple sent police to separate a couple.

On Jan. 8, Meijers again had a case of Retail Fraud.

A noise complaint came from the 9100 block of Parkwood. The partiers were told to quiet down.

A resident from the 6200 block of Haggerty called and said they were threatened. Police went out and made a report.

You play, you pay. Someone was caught ripping off a store in the 9700 block of Belleville Rd. and was arrested on Jan. 11.

Someone called in a domestic complaint from Jackson St. One person was arrested.

Southport Apts. seemed to be the unlucky place for a person who just looked suspicious. As it turned out, he was wanted on a warrant.

Someone wanted airbags real bad on Jan. 9. Two were stolen from Oaklane, 1 from Archwood, and 5 from Southport.

Someone drove off without paying for their gas at Meijer's.

There was a fight on Jan. 12 on the S. Service Dr.

A suicide was reported from Morton Tyler Rd. on Jan. 12. Michigan Community Newspapers is currently investigating to get further information.

Police went to Sumpter and Bemis to serve a warrant and make an arrest.

A car was stolen from the 11000 block of Meadow Lane.

Unkind words were exchanged on Crowley in the early evening of Jan. 12.

A fight in the 9900 block of Belleville Rd. lead to an arrest.

The Orange Lantern seems like the place for Van Buren Police to make warrant arrests. Another lucky day for them on Jan. 13.

Police went and talked to a person who wanted to kill himself at Super 8.

Haggerty Mobil said someone drove off without paying for gas. The scum is being looked for now.

There was an assault at Kirkridge Park on Jan. 14.

A traffic accident on Van Born and Haggerty lead to an arrest.

A car fire sent police and firemen to WB94 exit to Belleville Rd. on Jan. 14.

I guess Kirkridge Park was full of problems on the 14th. Later in the day an assault and battery was reported.

Domestic problems sent a person to the hospital on Jan. 14. from the 48000 block of the S. Service Dr.

Two arrests were reported on Jan. 15. One for retail fraud from the 9700 block of Belleville Rd. Another arrest for an outstanding warrant was made at Rawsonville and I-94.

Police were called to mediate a fight on the 51000 block of Colony Lane. All was well when they left.

Another drunk driver was busted on Jan. 16 on Michigan Ave.

WAYNE REPORTS

Someone was caught drunk driving in Michigan Avenue on Jan. 16 at 4:10am. What a way to start the day!

Melvindale Police received an assault call. They transferred it to Wayne Police. I guess the Wayne Police are the smart ones here because the call was from the 3100 block of Oakwood in Dearborn. Wayne transferred the call to the proper precinct.

There was an accident in front of Ford Truck Body on Jan. 16. No one was hurt.

A call came in to Wayne at about 8:30 a.m. that said there was a breaking and entering in progress. It sure didn't appear that way to police.

A missing person report was made from the 5000 block of Harding.

Someone wrote a bad check to Wayne Memorial High School.

Police made a report of an assault from the 38000 block of Meadowlawn.

Wow! There was a fight at the Wayne Police Dept. Police are mum on the details.

West Town Market called and asked police to remove an unwanted visitor who was being disorderly.

White Castle was hit by an armed robber on Jan. 10.

There was an accident that sent someone to the hospital on Jan. 10 at Van Born and Merriman.

Jan. 10 was just not the day for White Castle. Later in the day they had to contend with an assault.

A crook broke into a home in the 35000 block of Gloria in broad daylight.

Someone didn't feel like paying for their gas from Clark and decided to drive away.

On Jan. 10 a vagrant decided to destroy property on Winslow and Dean.

A car was stolen from the 39000 block of E. Michigan.

Someone overdosed on Sophia St. on Jan. 11.

One of the pub's on Michigan Avenue reported a felonious assault. Too much to drink?

New owners at Hillyard's reported property destruction.

Howard's Towing had a prowler on the loose.

An injury accident happened at Wayne and Glenwood on Jan. 13 in the afternoon.

Some pervert was charged with indecent exposure by Franklin Middle School.

An attempted kidnapping happened on Annapolis at Third St. on Jan. 12.

The Conrail tracks on Hannan Road caused headaches for drivers in the early evening hours again.

Another person was sent to the hospital because of an accident at Michigan Ave. and Venoy.

A car was stolen on Jan. 14 from the 35000 block of Michigan Ave.

A truck was stolen from the 3900 block of First St. the same day.

Neighbors weren't being very neighborly on Jan. 15. They were having a disagreement in the 5000 block of Milled.

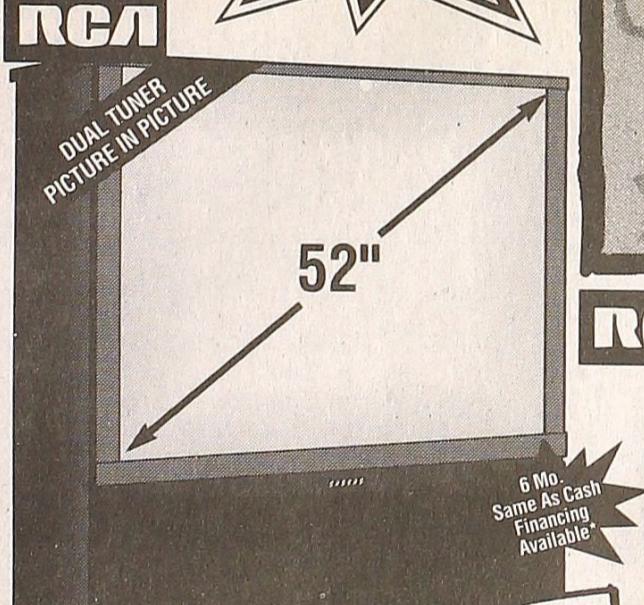
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Walter's HOME APPLIANCES

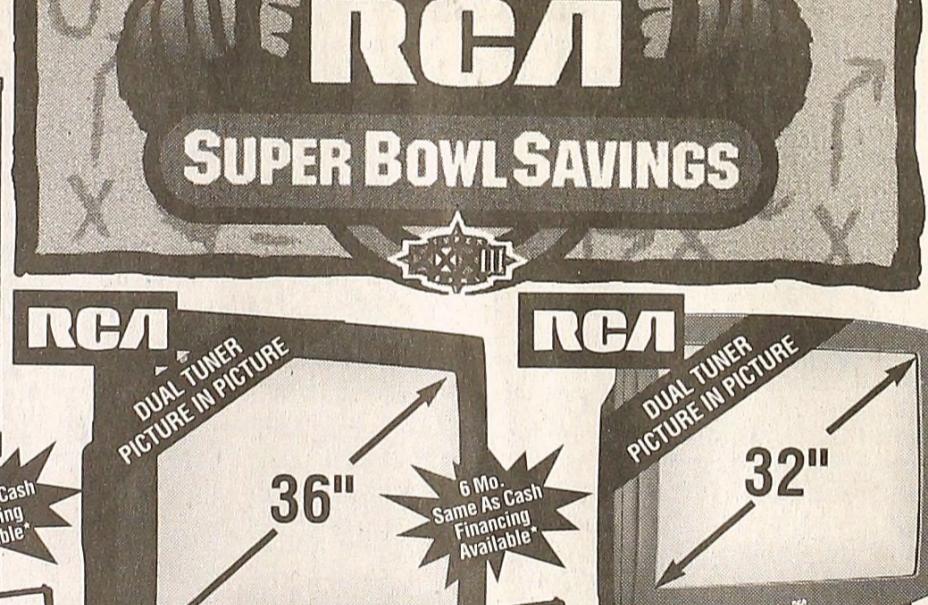


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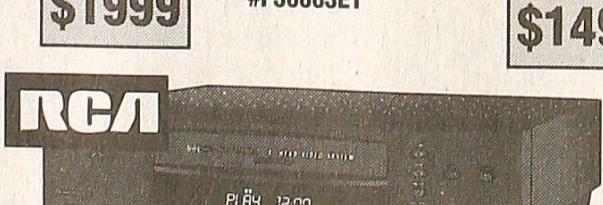
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Wayne Brewery staff welcomes customers to its new facility. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

Wayne Brewery opens

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

The Wayne Brewery, 34824 Michigan Avenue, has been enjoying near capacity crowds since their opening in December.

"It's a neighborhood type bar," said John Goci, owner of The Wayne Brewery.

Whether it's the menu, the beer or the clean, safe atmosphere, Goci and his staff are happy to be this busy.

The Brewery is located next door to Omega Restaurant and offers sandwiches, appetizers

and over 60 varieties of beer.

Besides the normal domestic beers which sell for \$1.60 a bottle from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, the Brewery has beers from Jamaica, Mexico, England, Ireland, Germany and many other countries.

The menu describes the flavor and history of each beer.

There is Orval Trappist from Belgium. It dates back to 1070 a.d. and is a pale orange, sharp beer with an intense hop flavor. Sold for \$6.25 a bottle at most bars, The Wayne Brewery sells it for \$4 a bottle.

From the blue ceiling to the earth tone decor and inviting booths, the bar radiates a warm atmosphere.

"It's a great place to take the wife or meet your friends. It's a friendly bar and everyone fits in here," Goci said.

Sunday and Tuesday are Northwest Airline employees appreciation day and on Thursday Ford employees are recognized.

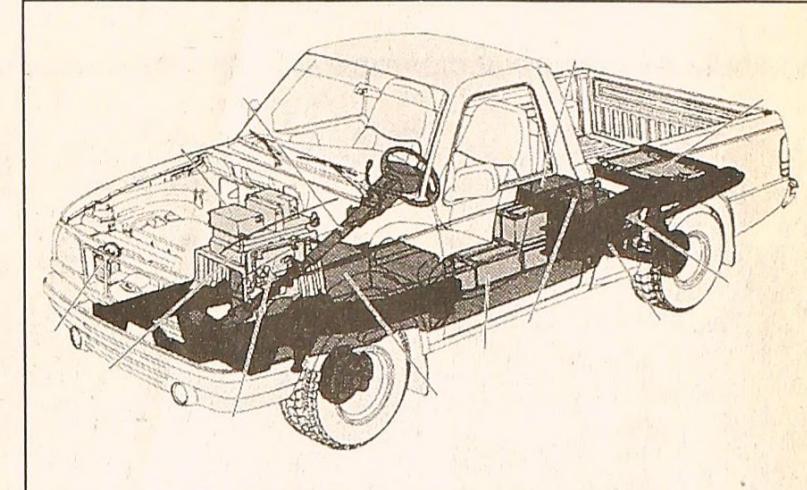
The Wayne Brewery's hours are: 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 2 a.m. Sunday.

He told the governmental leaders of 18 Western Wayne County communities that the special use vehicle had a 50 mile distance limit, but had a 312 volt battery -- more than that used in a normal home electric unit.

In poor weather conditions, McCabe said, the electric vehicle's travel distance probably would be cut to 40 miles.

The safety factor was great, McCabe explained, as the 1998 Ranger had a 5-star crash rating...the highest in the business. The huge vehicle battery is encased in an eight foot long container under the truck's chassis.

One of the other key values of the truck is that it needs no regular maintenance and carries a three year guarantee. The battery also has a two year warranty, McCabe said.



The top speed of the vehicle is 70 miles per hour, which makes it freeway safe.

- Mike McCabe

The top speed of the vehicle is 70 miles per hour, which makes it freeway safe, he said.

Despite being a four-cylinder truck, it handles like a six cylinder or a small eight cylinder, McCabe said.

One of the other pluses of the vehicle is that it does not consume power when idling, as gas vehicles do.

Since it takes six hours to recharge the battery, McCabe said, it is usually best to do the charging overnight.

When questioned by the governmental leaders, McCabe said, he does not envision a 300 mile vehicle being made in the near future, but possibly a 125-150 mile vehicle may be possible.

3 homes earn honors in holiday contest

Three Romulus homes were honored by the city's Recreation Department recently for their unique outdoor holiday light displays.

Sixteen homes were actually evaluated by 10 city judges with each awarding each house from one to 10 points. A total of 100 points were possible for each house.

Winning first place was the home at 15628 Harriett with a total of 98 points. The first place winner was awarded a \$50 certificate from the city.

Second place went to a home at 16284 Taft with 93 points and a \$30 certificate awarded.

Third place was presented to the home at 14360 Huron River drive with 92 points and a \$20 certificate.

No homeowners' names were listed in the press release.

The Romulus Recreation Department officially thanks those who submitted decorated homes for consideration and those who acted as judges.

Swim, Stride program slated

On the third Tuesday of each month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Senior Adult Swim & Stride program will be held at the Wayne Aquatic Area.

Cost is \$5, including a salad luncheon.

Dates are Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16. The sessions continue on the third Tuesday of each month through the end of the year.

Seniors can exercise, relax, enjoy friends and use the walking track, exercise equipment and attend the 30-minute water wellness class.

Those planning to attend must register by the Friday prior to the class date at the Senior Activity center. Call 721-7460 for registration information.

Van transportation from the center will be available.

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Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-004

5A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Rentention Pond Agreement with 275 Investment Company.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-005

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to authorize the purchase of two (2) Computers for the Treasurer's office from Computer Applications & Technical Services in the total amount of \$2,523.50 from Bid 97-24.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-006

5C. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to Award Bid 97-55 for a Single Axle Dump Truck to Red Holman GMC in the amount of \$58,721.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla. Nays-Gear, Romak, Wadsworth.
Motion Carried.

98-007

5D. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 97-61 for a John Deere Rotary Snow Broom from William F. Sell & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$3,052.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-008

5E. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to accept the Mayor's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-009

5F. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 97/98-14-17.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Nays-Gear, Romak, Wadsworth.
Motion Carried.

98-010

5G. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and introduce an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A, Article II, Section 2.02 to amend the definition of building height.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-011

8A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to direct the Administration to investigate the feasibility of installing a streetlight at the corner of Bartha and Huron River Drive.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-012

8B. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to direct the Administration to contact Wayne County to conduct a traffic study for the purpose of placing a traffic signal at the corner of Ecorse and Cogswell Roads.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-013

8C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to direct the Administration to contact Wayne County to conduct a traffic study for the purpose of placing a traffic signal at the corner of Van Born and Airborne Roads.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-014

9. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ada Scott.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-015

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 5, 1998.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
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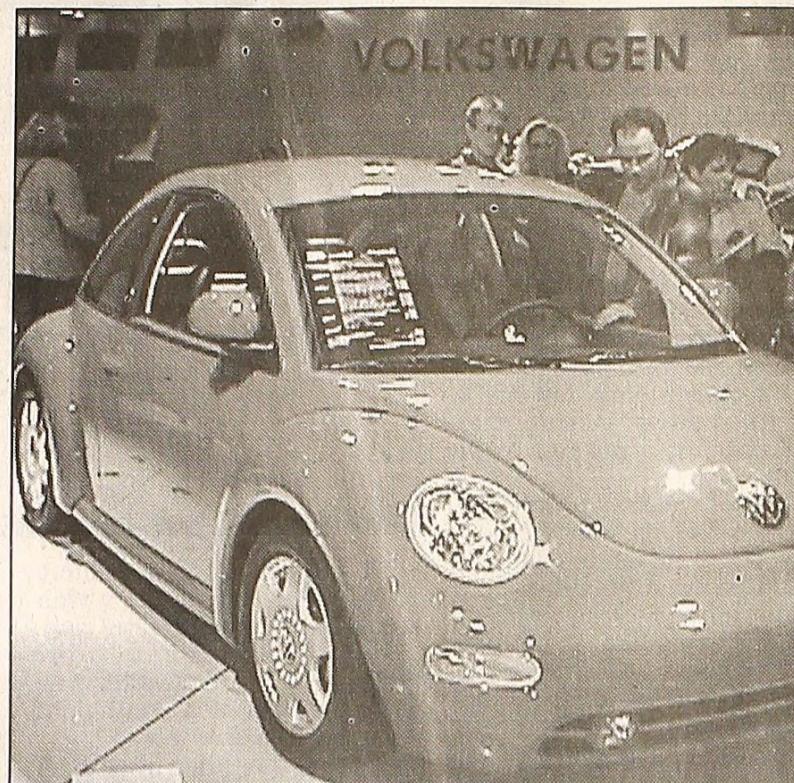
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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Beetle mania!

International Auto Show draws record crowds



The redesigned Volkswagen Beetle (above) was a big attraction at the North American International Auto Show. Another popular display was for Jaguar, which featured several cars, and an airplane. Over 791,000 people made their way through the exhibit, which was held at Cobo Arena in downtown Detroit last week. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

If you visited the North American International Auto Show last week, you obviously were not alone. Attendance records were shattered this year, as over 791,000 people made their way through the exhibit.

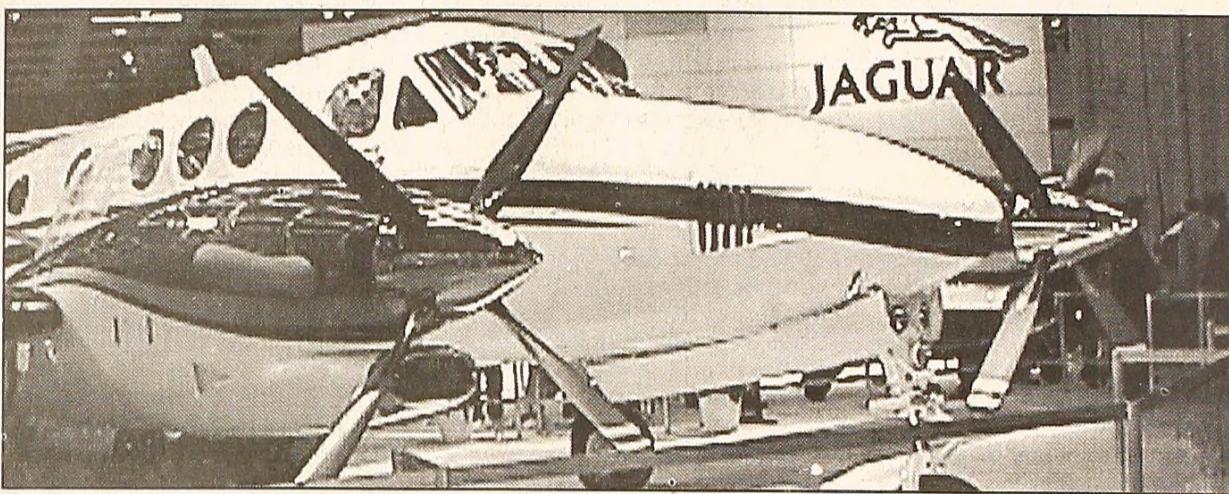
One of the hottest attractions was the redesigned Volkswagen Beetle. The display was hands-on, as people lined up for a chance to sit inside the new "bug", and check un-

der the hood. Others gathered around a display-only model, with heat-activated stickers covering the entire car. Placing your hand on one of the stickers revealed a Beetle with a custom paint job.

Representatives from Ford were happy to show off the F-Series truck, which is celebrating 50 years in existence. The Chevrolet Corvette was a popular display again this year, as was the BMW. Jaguar had an airplane in their display, although it is not avail-

able at any of the dealerships.

The Secretary of State's office was on-hand to show off the new driver's license. Beginning this year, the license will have a bar code and magnetic strip on the back, which will make getting a ticket even quicker. Another feature of the new license, is the photo, which will be taken with a digital camera. Now drivers can approve the photo which they will carry around for years. It will take about eight years for all of the licenses to be switched over.



Dancers line-up to assist charities

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

Their boots were made for dancing, and that's just what they're doing, benefiting charities and non-profit organizations throughout the area.

The Just For Kicks Dancers is a group of men and women from Westland, Canton, Belleville, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Milford and surrounding areas. Formed a year ago, the group has performed at a 50s festival in the Novi Expo Center, at the Labor Day Charity Weekend in Garden City, at the Children's Hospice Benefit, at Madonna University's 50th anniversary celebration, as well as at nursing homes and senior centers throughout the area.

Line dancing is done to music from the 1950s, country music, Irish music and dance music. The director for the group is Kelvin Elvige of Westland. He is also the choreographer for their all male review.

According to Maxine Purol, a dancer with the group, a

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committee checks out each request to be sure that 100 percent of the money raised goes to charity. When the Just For Kicks Dancers are paid for their performance, as they will be with their performance during the Westland Winterfest coming in February, all of the money is donated to area charities.

"We are a dedicated group that loves to dance," Purol explained. "We really enjoy dancing for charities."

Jean Rowe first came up with the idea of dancing for charities almost two years ago. She threw the idea out to her line dancing class who matched her enthusiasm.

The group is at 37 members, and still growing. They rehearse about once a month,

three times if they have an upcoming performance.

Carol Sullivan, another dancer, agreed with Purol that the dancing is rewarding. They added that it's also good for your health and your spirit.

Many of the dancers come from Rowe's class, although a few have joined after seeing the group perform.

The Just For Kicks Dancers will be featured at the Westland Winterfest from 3 to 4 p.m. Feb. 8.

The group has been nominated for a National Volunteer Award, and will find out soon if they have been chosen to win.

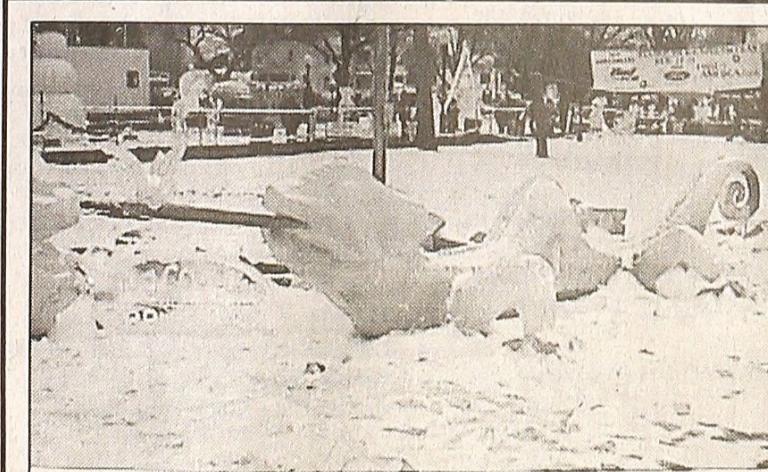
To schedule the group for a performance, or for more information on joining them, call Rowe at (248) 348-9116.



The Just For Kicks dancers strutted their stuff at Wayne County Community College's Family Day, which was held at the Western Campus last year. The dancers, lead by Jean Rowe, perform for local charities. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

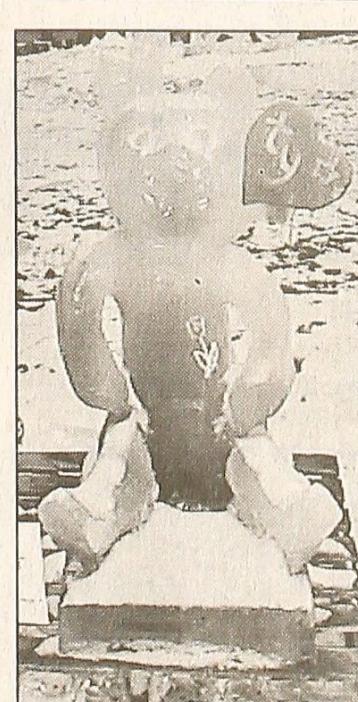
'Rent' comes to Fisher Theater

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Cold cuts

Over 500,000 people braved the frigid temperatures to visit the 16th Annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Frozen displays, such as the Budweiser lizards (above) and the Princess Diana Beanie Baby (right) were among the crowd favorites.



The Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning landmark American musical *Rent*, written by Jonathan Larson and directed by Michael Grief, is coming to the Fisher Theater in Detroit for an eight-week engagement April 8-May 31. Tickets go on sale Friday, January 23 at the Fisher Theater Box Office and by phone at 9 a.m., and all Ticket Master outlets beginning at 10 a.m. The first 50 people in line at the Fisher Theater Box Office will receive a complimentary *Rent* CD.

Inspired by Puccini's *La Bohème*, *Rent* is a joyous, breathtaking and often bittersweet musical that celebrates a community of artists as they struggle with the soaring hopes and tough realities of today's world.

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The show received its world premiere off-Broadway at New York Theater Workshop on

Feb. 13, 1996, to ecstatic reviews. It rapidly became a sold-out hit. The show transferred to Broadway on April 29, 1996, and continues to play to standing room-only audiences.

Rent has become the most honored musical since *A Chorus Line* in 1976, winning the 1996 Tony Award for Best Musical and Best Musical and Best Musical citations from the New York Drama Critic Circle, the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle. *Rent* is only the seventh musical to win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

The success of *Rent* is always tempered by the death of its creator, Jonathan Larson. Larson died unexpectedly of an aortic aneurysm on the morning of Jan. 25, 1996, just hours after *Rent*'s final dress rehearsal off-Broadway, and 10 days before his 36th birthday.

Produced by Detroit native Jeffery Seller,

Kevin McCollum, Allan S. Gordon and New York Theater Workshop, *Rent* features musical direction by Tim Weil, choreography by Marlies Yearby, set design by Paul Clay, costume design by Paul Clay, and lighting design by Blake Burba.

Rent performances begin April 8, 1998 through May 31, 1998 at the Fisher Theater. Tickets go on sale Friday, January 23 at the Fisher Theater Box Office and by phone beginning at 9 a.m., and all ticket master outlets beginning at 10 a.m. To charge by phone, call 248-645-6666. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. A special weekday matinee Thursday, April 9 at 1 p.m. has been added. Ticket prices range from \$60 to \$24. For groups of 20 or more, call 313-871-1132.



Things to do; places to go!

• Currently at the Hilberry Theatre, Wayne State University, is *Saturday, Sunday, Monday*. The play continues in rotating repertory through Jan. 30, 1998.

• Eastern Michigan University features *Anne of the Thousand Days* on March 6-8 and 12-14, 1998 at the Quirk Theatre.

• Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., The Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Mich.

• *The Retirement Murders*, an audience participation murder mystery comedy will be presented by the Jackson Productions Dinner Theatre at Fiorelli's Restaurant (26125 E. Huron River Drive, Flat Rock). The production will take place every Saturday evening (6:30 p.m. seating) now through March 7, 1998. Tickets are \$28 in advance, \$33 at the door (includes dinner, show, tax and tip).

• A recital featuring works from Bach to Barber is being offered at Madonna University at 3 p.m. Jan. 25 in Kresge Hall. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. For more information, call (734) 432-5709.

• Families can produce and perform a radio play just as they did in the golden age of radio by visiting Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, or 29.

• The sixth annual Spring Home and Garden Show opens Jan. 29 and runs through Feb. 1 at the Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road. Tickets are available at Farmer Jack stores at \$9 a family. For more ticket information call (248) 737-4478.

• A large collection of antique jars are on display at the Wayne Library during the month of January. The collection, which features old and rare Mason jars, is owned by Westland master gardener Walter Warren.

• Stagecrafters announces auditions for the comedy *Lend Me A Tenor*. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and auditions begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 1 and 2. Roles are available for men and women. For more information, call (248) 541-4832.

• *A Taste of Monet*, a dinner theatre presentation at the Michigan League, will let art-lovers add another dimension to the University of Michigan Museum of Art's landmark Monet exhibit, opening Jan. 25. The presentation is scheduled at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 and 6 p.m. Feb. 8 and features favorite recipes of Monet. For more information call (734) 647-7463.

Fans of Dawn Hall's cookbook, *Down Home Cookin'* Without the Down Home Fat have requested her address to write for additional information about obtaining her book and using it as a fund-raising project.

Dawn Hall's address is: 5425 S. Fulton-Lucas Road, Swanton, Ohio 43558. She also may be reached by calling 419-826-COOK or faxing her at 419-826-2700.

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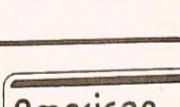
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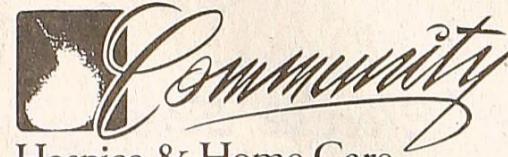
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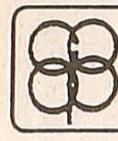
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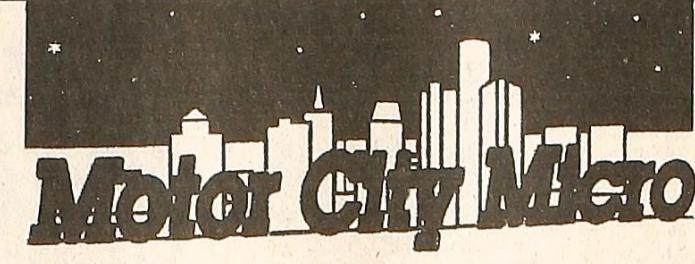


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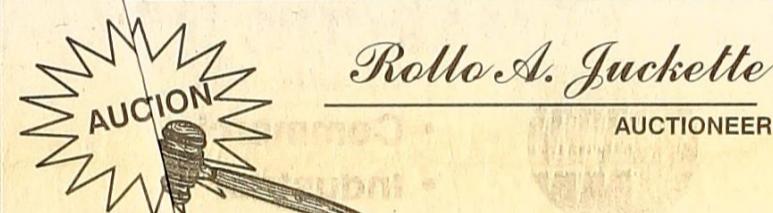
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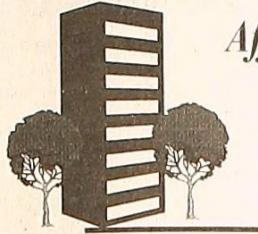
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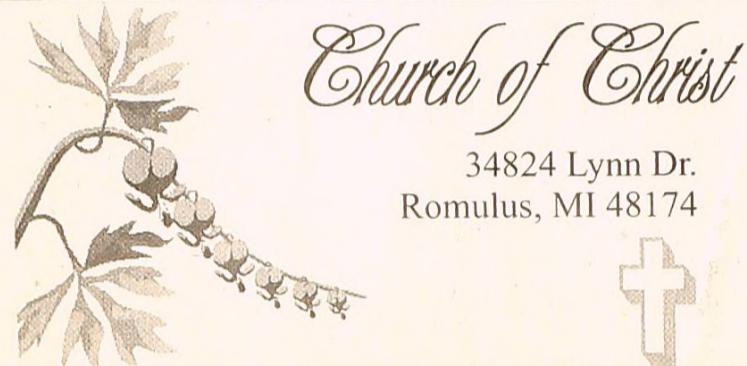
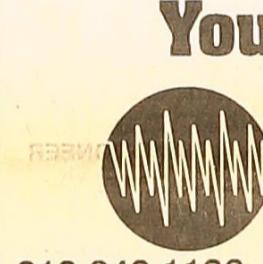
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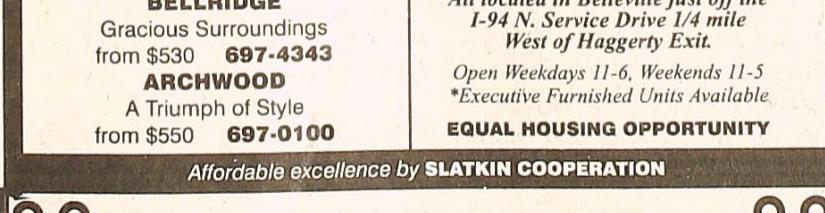
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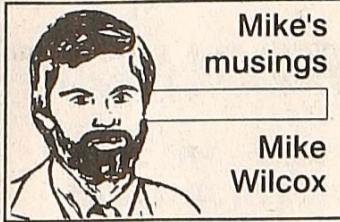
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Unique political match-ups proposed



Mike's
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This year many of us will be going to the polls on several occasions to elect officials to govern our cities, county and schools for the next several years. In February, Van Buren and Wayne-Westland school districts have important bond issues to be voted upon. In June, school board seats will be hotly contested in several districts. In August, primary elections will be held for township, county, state and federal positions. Those left from the primaries will square off in November. Whew, a lot of trudging back and forth to the voting booth for many of us.

Several familiar names will appear on the ballots. Term limitation doesn't seem to retire lawmakers, only make them change the office they are running for. McNamara, Whyman, Patterson, Kelly, DeHart are familiar names that will blanket the countryside with signs and brochures, just like in years past.

And all that points to is another mundane political season. The same old names with the same old rhetoric. If exciting campaigns is your cup of tea, and many times that's what it takes to get the voter out of his easy chair, I propose the following political matchups.

• Belleville Mayor Dennis Fassett versus City Manager Kerreen Gellert. Talk about a spirited campaign. Those two are at each other's throats daily. Fassett, the man who would institute a multitude of changes to stodgy, 19th century Belleville against the City's establishment protector, Gellert. This one would be fun to watch.

• R.P. Lilly versus Austin Marshall. Lilly, the slick environmentalist who amassed a tidal wave of opposition to EDS's well, takes on EDS President Doug Wicklund's sidekick Marshall. These two would debate until the cows came home. Both have been accused of dirty tricks in the past. Just think if a political seat were on the line. Romulus might never

recover.

• Westland critic extraordinaire Mildred Evans versus Mayor Robert Thomas. Evans accuses Thomas of everything from taking thousands of dollars in kickbacks to having her committed to an adult care facility. Thomas with his mighty political machine backing him would bury Evans, but it would be a much more spirited contest than last fall's major landslide election.

• State Rep. Deb Whyman versus Congresswoman Lynn Rivers. Two immensely popular female politicians that are completely opposite in their political views. No middle ground there. Whyman who refused to take part in a Michigan House of Representatives salute to the late Coleman Young (only one other state official refused with her) is an ultraconservative in philosophy as one can be. Rivers, who represents Ann Arbor as well as Western Wayne, is the most liberal Michigan congresswoman. Both take no prisoners when it comes to campaigning.

• Former Wayne-Westland School Board President Trish Brown versus former state rep and Plymouth-Canton Schools critic Jerry Vorva. Another interesting liberal versus conservative matchup. Brown, bounced out of office for her abrasiveness and fervent support of gay rights would go after Vorva, who is suing his school district over election irregularities. Vorva, a tough campaigner in his own right, wouldn't back down.

• Van Buren School Board Trustee Tom Bowles versus Van Buren School Superintendent James Richendollar. The old war horse Richendollar, a superintendent who has survived a precarious position longer than most, taking on Bowles, a non-nonsense fiscal extremist who would like to privatize many school functions. Again, a classic battle with clear definitions in philosophy.

Alas, matchmaking only works in fairy tales and boxing. Don't expect any of these political races ever to take place in the real world. But, isn't it fun to imagine the possibilities?

Our best hope is good teachers



Ivan
Helfman

If you think that educational gimmicks are driving you crazy now, wait until President Clinton's State of Union speech.

"Presidents usually float trial balloons in their State of Union speeches," said Rep. Lynn Rivers, when I asked her about Clinton's latest proposal: \$15 billion more federal aid for schools over five years.

Every penny is designated to reward the National Education Association, his primary legal backer, with more and higher paying jobs.

Consequently half the amount is dedicated to training and hiring new teachers.

While a limited number of new teachers will be needed to replace the old ones, it's critical to keep old teachers around. Not only are they experienced in teaching and handling children, but most were taught a lost art: how to teach effectively.

Effective teaching means challenging students with demanding work, pushing students to stretch their minds and to work to the best of their abilities. Since this runs contrary to the equality at any cost that infecting contemporary teaching schools, the only hope for public school students are experienced teachers who came aboard before administrators and union leaders lowered the bar.

A lot of problems would be solved if local districts dedicated their dwindling funds to rewarding and recruiting experienced teachers instead of wasting

the money on too many computers.

Unfortunately, three local districts have given up on experienced teachers.

In what I call the Monday Night Massacre, the Wayne-Westland voted to buyout 100 experienced teachers' contracts. In order to save money, the district will replace these pros with rookie and sophomore teachers who will be learning their trade on district pupils. Pupils' education will be given second place to the new teachers' on the job groping.

In Romulus, experienced teachers have been nudged aside by teaching computers. No surprise that these miracle teaching machines have failed. Computers are no more fit to teach a child than to raise one.

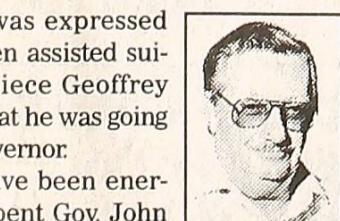
In Van Buren, the school board is using tenure in some cases to protect mediocrity. Instead of evaluating new teachers at the end of their probationary periods, the school board is automatically handing out tenure like party favors to all comers, deserving or not.

While master teachers should be rewarded with high pay and rock solid job security, lesser teachers shouldn't be locked into a position where they can waste young minds.

Vesta Losen, the board member who let the cat out of the bag, said: "I believe our students deserve to have a good teacher every year. It is abhorrent to me that our good teachers have to cover and make-up for instruction lacking in teaching skills of others."

The shame is that Losen's sense of responsibility is rare in the educational community, where the value of experience is scorned.

Ego leads Fieger into politics



Post Scripts
Al Post

Great concern was expressed this past week, when assisted suicide legal mouthpiece Geoffrey Fieger confirmed that he was going to indeed run for governor.

His ego must have been energized when incumbent Gov. John Engler said Fieger will be the strongest candidate the Democrats will be able to muster against him this fall.

Meanwhile some in religious circles listened to the boisterous Fieger kick-off statement with great

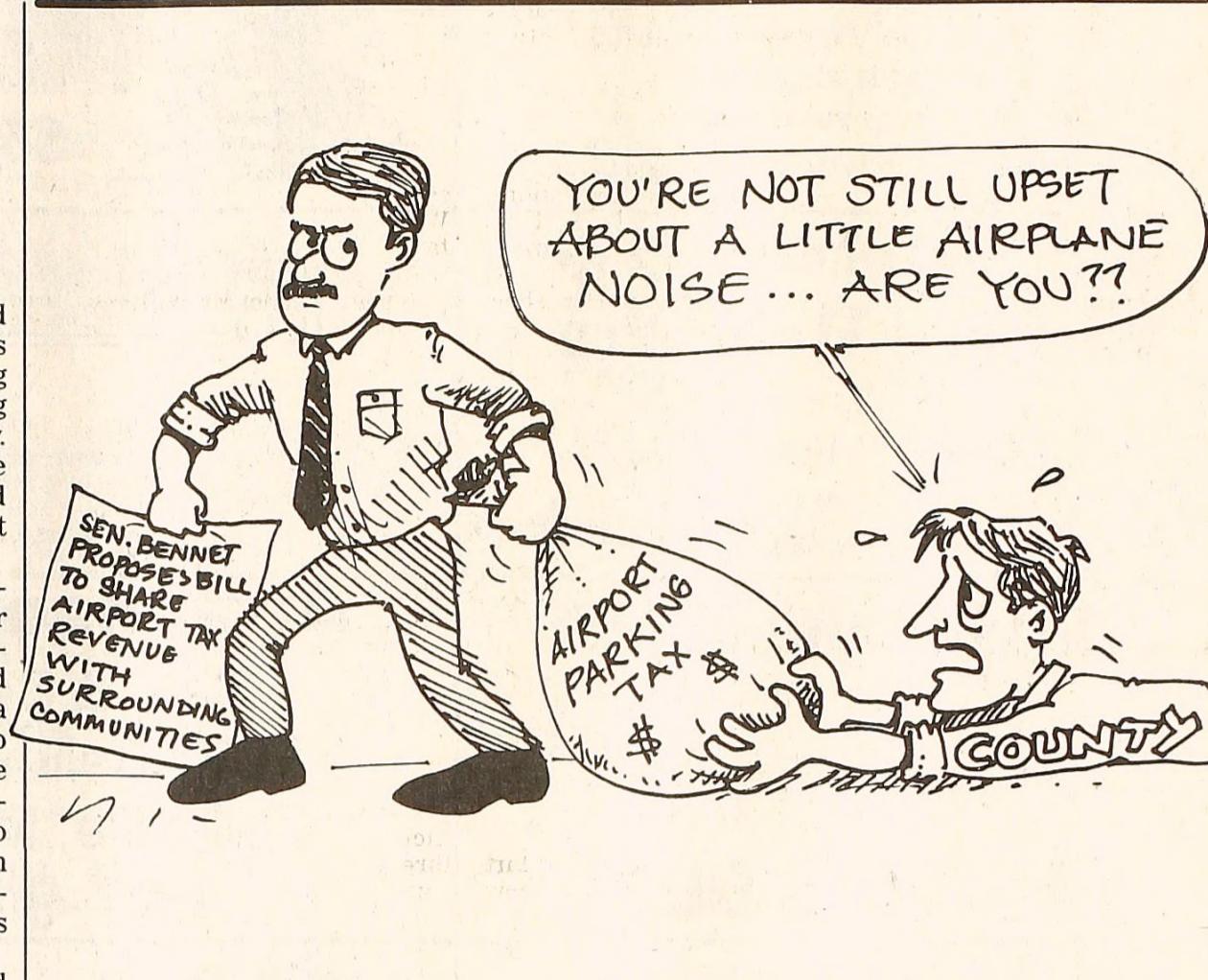
alarm and concern.

This writer feels however it is better to have Fieger on the ballot...than at your bedside. It is easier to say "no" standing up in an election booth, than while lying prone and groggy in bed, while someone carelessly stands on your oxygen tube.

We're just wondering what his slogan will be. It seems to be a toss up between "pay as you go" or "we will bury you." Fieger feels the former is more American based.

The most comforting ideas so far are his claims

See POST, page A-9



Letters to the editor

Fiona Rose congratulated

To the editor:

I wish to commend Fiona Rose of Ann Arbor, the student who was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for highest marks at U of M.

This 22-year-old woman came from poverty level, with a student load worked diligently, and made use of her intelligence and good sense.

She strictly adhered to her goal of education, and did not allow a fly-by-night boyfriend to deter and ruin her chances with a pregnancy.

We have these do-gooders who champion the unwed teen mothers to have more child care allowance. Some are actually sent to college, thus rewarding irresponsibility.

Sanctioning illicit behavior is becoming a drain upon society.

Mrs. Elaine Dunne Livonia

'Guardian angel' praised

To the editor:

This is just a short note of thanks to a very caring young man while on my way to work at 6 a.m. Jan. 3, 1998, my car quit running. I was on Merriman, south of Michigan Ave., on the railroad tracks. Scared, I ran to the Amoco Station on Michigan and Merriman. There I met Tim, my guardian angel that morning. He brought jumper cables and took me back to my car to try to get it running again. It wouldn't start. So Tim, after working a 10-hour shift at Amoco, drove me home. This was

very much out of his way.

What a nice, caring person Tim is. I'll never forget his kindness. God bless you, Tim.

Sandra Line Wayne

Memories shared

To the editor:

I wanted to share something with you that means a great deal to me. I am a former longtime resident of Romulus and many of my family members still live there and in surrounding cities such as Canton, Belleville, Inkster, Wayne, Westland and beyond. Our family still owns the big brown brick home on Ecorse Road that looks like a barn, across from the Metro Dairy Bar (it is only visible in the winter, as the thick brush and trees hide it in the summer), as well as the white house between it and the Napa building.

My late husband Leland Wiggins and I raised 10 children in that wonderful big brown house. The Fisher family next door to us always grew row after row of wonderful grapes, while we grew horses in our back acres. Over the years, we grew to love so many special neighbors it would be unfair to try to remember them all by name. Many of their families still live there, and we want them to know how they shaped our lives. From the oldest to the youngest, my children's names are Elaine, Dorothy, Earl, Ralph, Ruth, Rhea, Edith, Sara, Lucy and Linda. Each of them grew up with friends their age — a span of more than 20 years. I recently re-

turned from Florida to spend this past holiday with my family and we sat around remembering all the funny stories that give us a sense of connectedness.

It would bring me and my family so much joy if you could print my letter in the paper as a way of saying "thank you" to the many families in Romulus and surrounding cities that have, and continue to be, an important part of our lives. By the way, a number of my neighbors who currently live near me in west central Florida are also former residents of Romulus and surrounding cities. If you could let me know when this is going to run in the paper, I'll have someone pick up some copies to share with everyone.

Mrs. Evelyn Wiggins -Wydeck Lecanto, Fla.

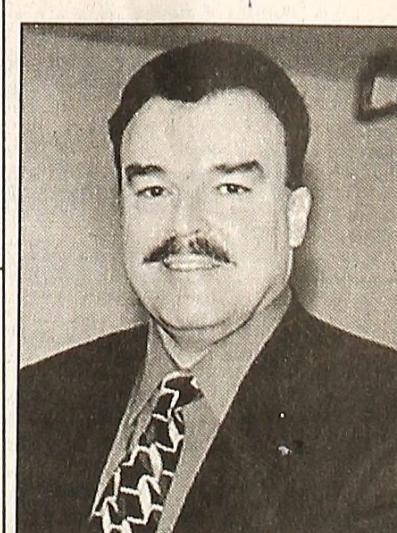
Gore wants more walkers

To the editor:

Automobile production and sales are still high, companies hereabouts selling 12,000,000 cars. So Al Gore is 13,000,000 more cars behind his goal of an automobileless society. He wants us to get from place to place by walking in our Nikes and Reboks.

The thought occurred to me that maybe Al Gore hasn't learned to drive, or if able and licensed, has had his driver's license revoked. Can you imagine the economic implications of a carless society!

Neil Goodbred Livonia



Quotable...
"We used to be a 'lighthouse' district, and now we're rebounding."
Superintendent Greg Baracy Wayne-Westland Schools

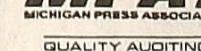


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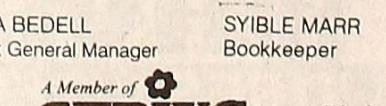
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More Letters

Schools promoted

To the editor:

I have been a resident of the Wayne-Westland Community School District for 36 years and have always supported the efforts of the school district which is responsible for the education of our children, and I will continue to do so by voting for the bond proposal on Feb. 17, 1998.

I urge the rest of the community to get out and vote for the bond for it not only affects the parents who have children in school but also impacts the resale value of our homes and how attractive this community appears to "outsiders" thinking of locating here.

Virginia Kienman

Westland

Bond issue supported

To the editor:

I am a 1963 graduate of

Wayne Memorial High School and life-long resident of the Wayne-Westland School District. I would like to express my opinion on the upcoming bond issue.

For the past three years, I have been doing volunteer work at Wayne Memorial. The facilities in the school district are basically the same as we had 35 years ago and just like a home, there is constant upkeep, repairs and renovations.

Kids are our greatest resource. They are the future of our communities, state and country. I think we can show our children that we care about their future by voting in favor of the bond issue on Feb. 17. By voting Yes, we let the students know that we are concerned about them.

Dave Rainer

Killer still free

To the editor:

I am writing concerning how three years have passed and the memories of the un-

solved murder of Mr. Fred A. Williams Sr. lingers on.

I sometimes ask myself, did the Inkster police have enough manpower on the job, or was Mr. Williams not important enough to have a thorough investigation into his death. I can feel and understand Mr. Fred A. Williams Sr.'s family and friends; what they are still going through until his murderer has been caught and justice served for this crime. Whether or not he was important to you; but, Mr. Williams was important to others!

If you ever met Mr. Williams you couldn't have met a more understanding and nicer person. Here is a man who fought in World War II; and was still fighting a war, but, a different war against drugs.

Inkster police don't let this murder of this wonderful man go unsolved; because Mr. Fred A. Williams Sr. family and friends need a peace of mind and a sign of relief for 1998.

Concerned VF
of Inkster
Editor's note: Name withheld
by request

gets started.

The battle also should start getting interesting in the effort to succeed retiring 34th District Court Judge Henry Zaborowski this November.

The only announced candidate to date is Romulus lawyer Brian Oakley. The same green and white bumper stickers he used two years ago are again being seen on supporters' vehicles.

The only other key rumored candidate is an Irish resident of the Belleville area, who ironically is a judge down in Detroit.

Many expect his campaign colors to be different "white and green."

But since there will be no incumbent running this fall, three to six other candidates could jump into the race if for no other reason than to get mega-exposure as a lawyer. Thus other campaign colors could be unfurled soon.

On the back burner will obviously be candidate searches for persons interested in running for the various school boards this June.

Potential Romulus candidates have to remember that district meetings are held Monday nights and television monitors are not allowed in the school board meeting rooms during football season.

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Black History Month celebrated

Black History Month is being celebrated in Detroit's University Cultural Center.

February marks a month long celebration of African American Heritage in the Cultural Center. Institutions will be open to the public with special programming and events.

The Museum of African American History will be open seven days a week for the month of February. New photographic exhibits including A Communion of the Spirits: African American Quilters, Preservers, and their Stories and Walk to Freedom: Detroit Shares the Dream will open in February. Sunday gospel brunches, theatrical performances, movies and workshops will also be offered at the Museum in celebration.

The Detroit Public Library Main Branch at 5201 Woodward will kick off Black History Month with a day-long event on Feb. 1. Music, dance, theater, book signing, crafts, face painting, strolling entertainment and more will de-

light the public. The Detroit Institute of Arts presents a Celebration of Black Cultural including Jacob Lawrence's John Brown Series on view. Workshops, videos, story telling, and panel discussions will continue the excitement.

The Detroit Historical Museum offers African American Family Day on Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Music, theater, and a food court and marketplace and many other special activities are planned. Also taking place on Feb. 21, Rituals and Celebrations of the African Experience, a family event at the Children's Mu-

seum. Percussion and dance will be featured.

The Scarab Club is inaugurating its 1st Annual Black History Month Exhibition in February. Curated from various Metro Detroit galleries and Scarab Club members, the exhibition will offer an African theme.

All of these and more take place in Detroit's University Cultural Center.

For additional information, refer to the Black History Month Happenings Brochure produced by the University Cultural Center Association, or call 313-577-5088.

School Board role honored in January

RESA and the students of Wayne County are very fortunate to have such an experienced and dedicated group of people looking out for their best interests.

- Mike Flanagan

elected for six-year terms by board members from the 34 school districts in Wayne County. Current RESA board members and their local school districts are:

Boyd Arthurs, President, Trenton; Mary Blackmon, Vice-President, Detroit; James Bieri, Secretary, Allen Park; James Petrie, Treasurer, Northville and Kathleen Chorbagian, Trustee, Wayne

"School board members serve the public interest in education," said Mike Flanagan, county superintendent. "They carry out the truth form of representative government in our democracy: volunteer public service. RESA and the students of Wayne County are very fortunate to have such an experienced and dedicated group of people looking out for their best interests."

RESA's board members are

reflect a year-round commitment and effort on their part," said Flanagan.

RESA has a budget totaling \$193 million and employs 440 full-time and 600 part-time staff members at 36 sites. The organization receives federal, state and local funds. Only a small portion of the budget, however, comes from local taxes. State and federal monies come in the form of general school aid and funding for special projects. Additional funding is obtained through grants, enabling RESA to offer more services to local districts.

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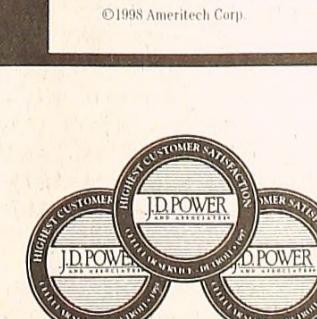
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NAACP JOB FAIR Representatives from more than 50 companies will be on hand to interview job candidates from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at the NAACP High-Tech and Diversity Job Fair at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen road, Southfield. A free seminar entitled "How to Make the Most of a Career Conference" will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information call 1-800-JOB-SHOW.

ANTIQUE RADIO SWAP MEET The swiftly growing meet that began in the 1960's will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Feb. 7 at the Armenian Community Center, 19319 Ford rd., Dearborn. A free service of evaluating, repairing and dating family heirlooms (antique radios) will be provided. The club also is seeking former employees of the old Detrola Corp and radios made by those workers. General admission will be \$5. Further information can be obtained by calling coordinator Mike Dale 517-872-5387.

40TH ANNUAL DETROIT BOAT SHOW More than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses will be in attendance, along with a display of 1,000 boats with the latest engineering, design, materials and colors. The show will open Jan. 31 and continue through Feb. 8 at Cobo Center in Detroit. Cost is \$8 for adults with children under 12 and senior citizens over 62 entered free. For further information call 1-800-224-3008.

YPSILANTI MOTORCYCLE SHOW sponsored by the Ypsilanti Flea Market, formerly known as the Huron Trade Center, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the market, 210 E. Michigan ave., Ypsilanti. For further information call 734-483-4207.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS open dance slated for 9 p.m. Jan. 30 and March 20 at the Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Further information can be obtained by calling 313-994-7855. On Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. PWP will have orientation for new members who single parents and are divorced, widowed or never married. Call Karen at



Depot opens

Attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Office Depot in Westland were Westland Chamber of Commerce members Bonnie Carre (left), Rick Ficorelli, Deputy Mayor George Gillies, Store Manager Tony Andrews, Eileen Ashley, store operations manager, and Mark Grogan, district manager. MCN Special Photo

313-971-0082.

VOLUNTEER FAIR will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. March 24 in the Take 5 Lounge on Madonna University campus in Livonia. The purpose is to allow the community to meet and learn more about various local and nationwide organizations and what opportunities exist. For more information call 734-432-5419.

CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS will be offered for \$5 (no matter how many shots are needed) from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 23 in St. Mary Hospital's West Addition Conference Room B, near the South Entrance off Levan road in Livonia. No registration is required.

WAYNE WINTERFEST is slated for Jan. 22-25 at the Wayne Community Center (and other sites) under the direction of the Wayne Parks and Recreation board.

ANTIQUES EXPOSITION will feature American, European and Oriental antiques and fine art. Exposition will be held Feb. 20-22 at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen road, Southfield. Tickets will be \$6. Children 12 and under free.

BOOKS FOR NEWBORNS More than 400 newborns at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor will benefit from a new book distribution program paid for by the Karla Fund, a special project within Ann Arbor's Baby Book Club. For further information call Victor Stoefler at 734-761-4414 or Barton Hamilton at

734-741-0466.

PHOTOGRAPHIC APPRAISALS will be offered free on old cameras, accessories and photos from 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Dearborn Historical Museum. Experts also advise those in attendance how to date, preserve and protect photographic heirlooms. The location is the McFadden-Ross House at 915 Brady street, Dearborn.

CANCER VOLUNTEER OPTIONS will be outlined if reader calls Volunteerism Department at 248-557-5353 ext. 336 of the American Cancer Society.

FASHION SHOW sponsored by the TOPS organization is slated for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Good Shepherd Reformed Church of Westland. The free fashion show and open house will be presented by Winkleman's and will contain the theme "Good as Gold." TOPS No. 28 meets on Tuesday evenings at the church located at 6500 N. Wayne road, corner at Hunter.

CRAFTERS NEEDED for the Franklin High School Patriot's Club's spring craft show planned for March 21. For more information call 522-5287. Franklin School is located at 31000 Joy road, Livonia.

CRAFTERS ALSO NEEDED for Madonna University's 13th Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show slated from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 28 in the Activities Center on campus. The show will offer handmade arts and crafts, pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking.

MENOPAUSE EDUCATION A four-week series on Perimenopause/menopause education will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 and again later on March 30, April 6, 13 and 20 at the McAuley Cancer Care Center community room at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. For more information call 800-231-2211.

HEALTH CENTER MEETING The public is invited to attend the Inkster Teen Health Center Advisory Council meetings at 9:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month. The meetings are conducted at the teen health center, 29193 Beech st. in Inkster. For further information call Eunice Johnson, center director, at 313-719-8336.

SESAME STREET TRIP Canton residents are being invited to join a special family trip to see "Sesame Street Live" on Jan. 31 at the Fox Theatre of Detroit. Tickets cost \$14 each. For further information call the Canton Parks and Recreation office at 397-5110.

AREA CAT SHOW More than 350 pedigree cats and kittens will be on display Jan. 24 and 25 at the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan ave. in Dearborn. Tickets cost \$5 for

John Elbe at 326-5419.

SINGLE MINGLE DANCE A dance for those 21 years and older is slated for 8 p.m. each Wednesday at the Bonnie Brook Country Club located at Telegraph and 8 Mile, Southfield. Admission is \$4 (\$3 before 8:30) Fashionable attire is requested with no jeans permitted. A similar dance is also offered every Sunday at the same time and location. The Hotline number is 313-842-0443.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Conscious control group meets from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Sunday (even holidays) at the Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road, Garden City, four blocks north of Ford road. The program is open to both men and women. For more information call Woody at 313-729-0520.

SNOW SLEDDING Wayne County Recreation officials reveal sledding conditions are excellent at the Cass-Benton Hill in Hines Park. Two new ramps with handrails have been installed to aid local skiers reclimb the hills after their exhilarating slides down. The sledding site is on Hines Drive between Six and Seven Mile roads. For more information call Wayne County Parks at 313-261-1990.

WIDOW-WIDOWERS A support group for widows and widowers meets the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Maplewood Senior Center, 31735 Maplewood, just south of Warren Road and east of Merriman road in Garden City.

Group seeks to help widows and widowers deal with loneliness, learn new skills within the home and adjust to living alone. To register call Rebecca Rouse of Community Hospice and Home Care Services at (734) 522-4244.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Will feature a program on President Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln at 7:30 p.m. Feb 21 at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity Center, 15128 Farmington road (behind the Golden Lantern Restaurant). Further information can be obtained by calling 425-8832 or 455-1122.

HALLEY'S COMET Will be performed on stage by noted TV star John Amos and others at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts in Detroit.

Five performances are planned from Jan. 28-Feb. 1. The show is a moving story about an 87-year-old man, who shares the memories of a lifetime with Halley's Comet, which he saw at the age of 11 and continues with a cast of characters he has seen since that time. Amos starred in Roots and Good Times. For further information call 313-963-2366.

AMPUTEE SUPPORT Ongoing education and support for persons with amputations, their family and friends. Guest speakers are provided. Meets in the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute on the Ann Arbor site of St. Joseph's

Hospital. Further information call 313-712-3546.

BRAIN TUMOR SUPPORT An educational program and support group for persons diagnosed with brain tumors and their families and friends. Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month in the McAuley Cancer Care Center at the Ann Arbor site of the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. For further information call 313-712-3658.

HEART TO HEART Designed for the cardiac patient and family members. Offers a chance for patients to meet with others who share similar concerns. New groups form on a regular basis. Meets in the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute on the Ann Arbor site at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. For further information contact 313-712-3546.

A.A. 21ST ANNIVERSARY Hugh Hayes will be the guest speaker at the Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at the Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road in Garden City, four blocks north of Ford road. Meeting is from 8:30-10:30 p.m. March 11. For more information call Woody at 313-729-0520.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking spring soccer registrations the entire month of January 1998 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. Fee is \$40 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. A birth certificate is required. For more information call 455-6620.

MEDIA LUNCHEON The Western Wayne/Oakland County Association of Realtors has scheduled a media luncheon for Jan. 26 to "build a bridge to Real Estate in the 21st Century." The noon luncheon is slated at the realtor office, 24125 Drake road in Farmington. For further information call 248-478-1700.

OUTDOORAMA '98 will be held from Feb. 20-March 1 at the Novi Expo Center of Novi. The sessions are sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and are dedicated to furthering the cause of conservation and protecting Michigan's natural resources. Over 400 exhibits will feature the latest in fishing, hunting and camping equipment, as well as recreational vehicles and power boats. Adult tickets cost \$6 and children under 12 are charged \$3. For more information call 517-346-6493.

FOUNDER'S DAY DINNER of the Taft Chapter of the Sigma Nu Phi (Legal) Fraternity of the Detroit College of Law will be held on Feb. 27 at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. Michigan Supreme Court Judge Marilyn J. Kelly will be the main speaker. Cost is \$40 per person. For reservations call Neil J. Lehto at 810-726-1000.

HOME AND GARDEN SHOW will include 300 exhibitors beginning Jan. 29 through Feb. 1 at the Novi Expo Center. "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haege will be one of the featured speakers.

CALENDAR FORM

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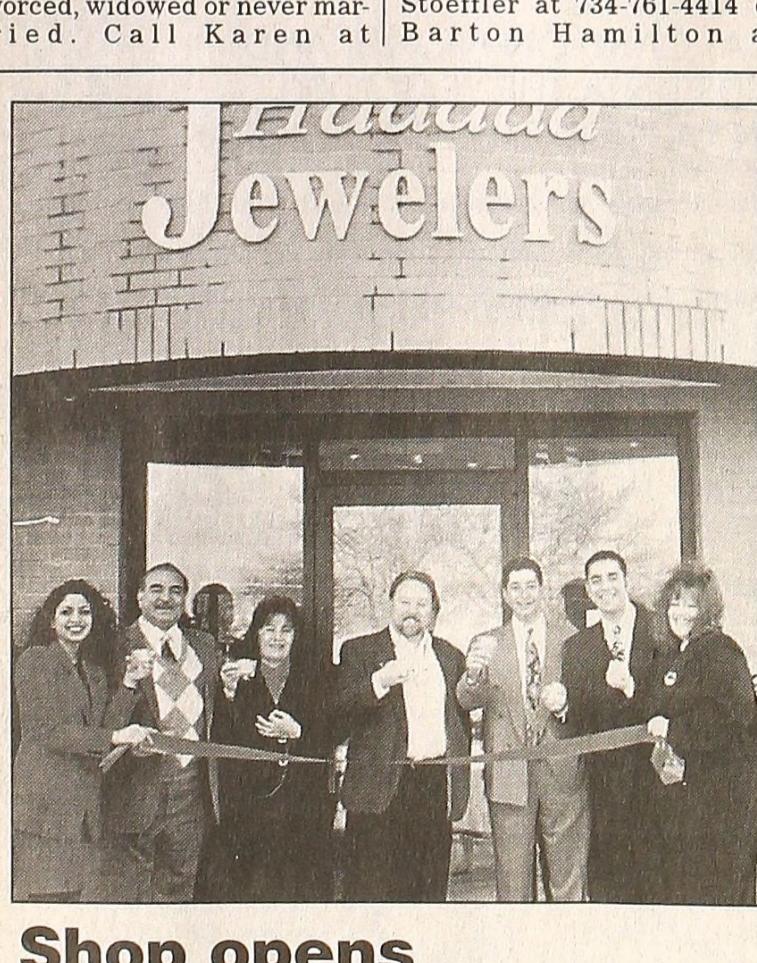
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Shop opens

Haddad Jewelers opened its new location in Westland across from the Westland Shopping Center recently. Attending the opening were Rania Haddad (left), owner Farid Haddad, Ratiba Haddad, Dr. Kim Shunkwiler, president-elect of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Fouad Haddad, president of Haddad Jewelers, and Jimmy Haddad. MCN Special Photo

Seniors on the go

'Recyclees' must learn to unwind

Whenever I mention to someone that I've typed my final "30" on the computer and taken my name plate from my office door, their first query is always, "Isn't it wonderful?"

Well, yes, I guess it is.

Since my second year of high school, I've been running as fast as I could on the treadmill of life. Maybe, that is why the frenzy of my previous work schedule seemed natural to me.

While attending the High School of Commerce in Detroit (now part of the I-75 freeway), I worked at the main office of the S.S. Kresge Co. (now Kmart of Troy) from 8 a.m. until noon and then walked several blocks to school where I attended classes until 4 p.m. Then, I boarded a bus and headed for home weighed down with textbooks and homework assignments for the next day. I worked through the summers and attended summer school where I completed

enough credits to total about 13 years of schooling.

As you see, this was an excellent background for a budding workaholic.

I worked at a number of jobs before the printer's ink in my veins surfaced and I began my newspaper career. I briefly owned a small suburban newspaper (eventually part of a large chain) where I routinely put in 80-hour weeks writing, producing and promoting the newspaper.

Knowing my background, the second question that people ask of me is "Won't you go crazy with nothing (meaning no deadlines) to do?"

Believe me, this thought entered my mind many times before I took down my nameplate from the door. In fact, it kept me working for several years beyond the deadline I had set for myself.

With thoughts of impending madness threatening me if I left my job, I had daydreams of

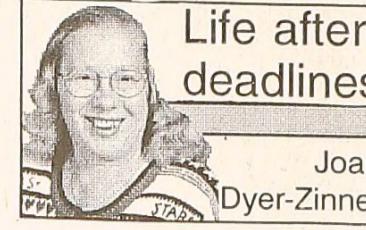
editing copy until my lifeless body fell onto the desk. My last words, I thought, would be if the words are not, it is, you cannot use it's."

Then a vision of the staff writers surrounding my desk, chanting "It's, it's or it is, who cares now?" would give me a cold chill. I image they would be chanting to the tune of *I'll Be Glad When You're Dead, You Rascal You.*

Yes, it still gives me a shudder when I see "its and it's" and "your and you're" used incorrectly in any publication, but I no longer believe I have a mandate from God to suppress the incorrect usages.

Instead of descending into madness, I'm using my time to host parties and gatherings, attend social events, see a few movies, spend time with my spouse, cook and bake, read, do crossword puzzles, plan for a mid-winter vacation and work on my tan (at the local spa). Ahhh, it's a busy life!

Editor's note: Joan Dyer-Zinner is the former managing editor of MCN, who writes about experiencing life after deadlines.



Life after deadlines

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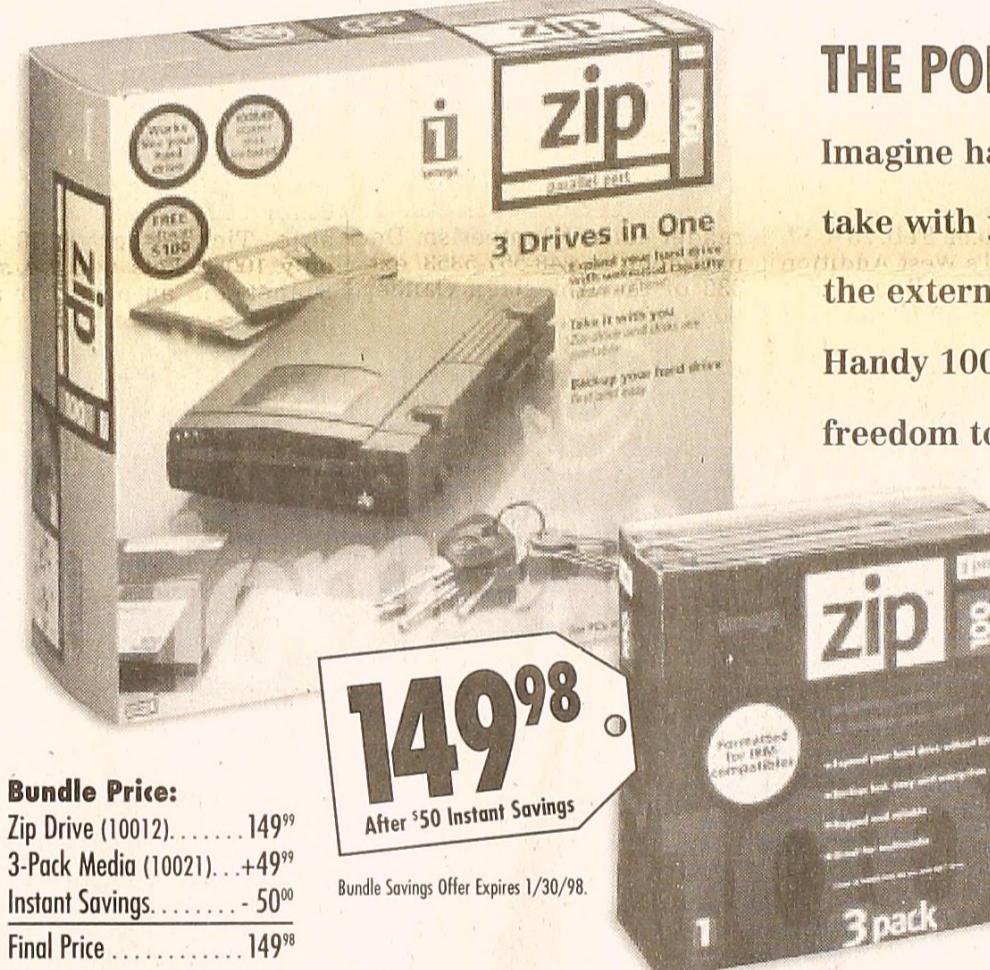
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Red Cross planning blood drive at Madonna

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donation from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10 and Wednesday, Feb. 11 in Madonna University's Take 5 Lounge in Livonia.

The process is safe, simple and takes only a short time. To make an appointment, call the office of student life at (734) 432-5428. Walk-in donors are

also welcome.

Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old and may donate every eight weeks or no more than five times per year. The Red Cross will distribute all donated blood to the 75 area hospitals in Southeastern Michigan.

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

News from area churches

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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

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By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

More than 600 pro-life supporters turned out to mark the 25th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade court ruling legalizing abortion this past Sunday at Wayne State University and heard pleas they not let down their efforts to contain or eliminate abortions across the U.S.

One of the key speakers was family law attorney Rebecca Wasser, who was the daughter of a rape and an abortion survivor. She electrified the gathering by saying if we placed "that blob of tissue" known to pro-choice advocates as fetuses on Mars and later sent a scientific team of astronauts to that foreign planet, they would come back and tell America "we have discovered life on Mars."

Another speaker, Washington Post columnist Nat Hentoff, talked on the issue of "25 years of Roe--With its Unsuspected Effects" and powerfully urged those on the pro-life team not to be disappointed with current events surrounding the abortion issue (particularly the partial-birth and late term abortion battle) and to "stay the course."

The rally was sponsored by the Detroit Chapter of Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit at the auditorium in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the most famous U.S. Supreme Court decision on abortion.

The past favorable outlook on the abortion issue has dropped by 11 percent in recent years, the gathering was told.

Some in the gathering expressed interest in seeing the day arise when the "silent victims" of abortions (the unborn babies) will also be afforded legal counsel.

Diane Trombley, media relations officer for the chapter, said numerous persons in attendance expressed sorrow over the fact that 36 million lives have been lost to abortionists, because the top court opinion on legalized abortion is based on a series of lies.

The Right to Life office phone number in Detroit is 313-874-0432.

Meanwhile in Canton, Pastor Mike Norton of the newly formed Canton Friendship Church expressed pleasure Monday that 325 area residents returned to the church this past Sunday for its second service in history.

Last week 540 turned out, but Norton explained at that time over 100 were area church goers, who helped sponsor the church's opening and were there to enthusiastically congratulate us.

Norton was especially pleased as the number of children (nursery to fifth graders) grew from 90 to 100 this past Sunday.

The church reaches out to the formerly unchurched members of the greater Canton area and provides services that include multi-media concepts such as high-energy music and drama to convey its theme of the day.

Last Sunday's theme was "Jesus Understands Me," Norton said, and next week's will be "Someone to Look up to" meaning Jesus.

The church meets each Sunday at The Summit in the Park. Further information can be obtained by calling 1-734-451-2100.

Major Brian Merritt, commander of the Romulus Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center, revealed that eight Army mobile canteens are now serving the storm victims throughout northern New York.

Other Army teams are working in other parts of New England and in Pittsburgh, Pa.

More than \$250,000 in Army emergency relief funds have been expended out east, Merritt said, as hundreds of families located there are still without electric power and cooking facilities.

Local monetary relief donations should be mailed to the Salvation Army's Wayne/Westland Corps office at 2300 Venoy road, Westland.

An Alzheimer's Disease support group remains in op-

eration at St. John Neuman's Catholic Church in Canton.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month and is facilitated by social worker Rosemarie Shim, who has 14 years of experience in working with Alzheimer patients and their families.

A Lenten retreat entitled "Finding God Wherever You

Are" is slated at Madonna University from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 28.

Father Jack Loughran of St. Francis de Sales, will be the facilitator for the event. Cost is \$12 and will include lunch and refreshments. For information call 734-432-5419.

A musical evening will be presented by John Michael

Talbot and Tony Melendez -- Together in Concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 13 at St. John Neumann Church in Canton.

Advance tickets costing \$16 can be obtained from the Catholic Book Store at 962-4490. Tickets at the door will cost \$18.

A card, comic and collectible show will be held from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Grace Lutheran Church's gymnasium of Monroe.

Funds raised from the show will aid the Senior High School Group take two trips this summer. One of the trips will allow the youth to dig holes and install septic tanks in the Appalachia area of North Carolina and the other will give the teens an oppor-

tunity to participate in a National Youth Gathering sponsored by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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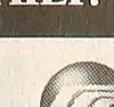
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SPORTS

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Plymouth-Salem, Glenn turn up heat

Rocks continue to roll

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After a slow start which saw them drop their first two of the season, Plymouth-Salem has made a dramatic turnaround and has won its last five hoop starts.

The Rocks' latest victim is Western Lakes Conference preseason title favorite, Farmington Hills Harrison, who fell 66-51 Friday night.

Salem coach Bob Brodie said he was pleased with the victory, and especially pleased with his defense.

"We played an exceptional game on defense," Brodie stressed.

The Rocks' defense and Jeff McKian's best effort of the season on offense kept the Salem's momentum going.

McKian, a 6-4 senior forward, tossed in a game high 25 points to spark the Rocks to

their fifth straight victory, their second in the conference.

McKian also led the rush for rebounds as he cleared the boards for nine. Teammate Andy Power chipped in with 11 points.

But it was the Rocks' defense that rattled the Hawks. The hosts were held to 10 points in the first period.

Aaron Rypkowski, a 6-2 junior guard, came off the Salem bench and pumped in six of his eight points in the second quarter as Salem pulled away from a 13-10 lead to a 33-22 ad-

See SALEM, page B-2

Rockets stretch streak

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It looked easy. Too easy. Westland John Glenn built up a 22-8 lead over Livonia Churchill Friday night then had to hold off the rallying Chargers who came back and

took the lead 42-41 midway in the fourth period before losing to coach Mike Schuette and the Rockets 63-57 in a Western Lakes Conference game.

It was Glenn's third straight conference victory, which lifts the Rockets into a two-way tie for first with Plymouth-Salem.

With winless Livonia Stevenson next on the Glenn schedule, the Westlanders could possibly wind up with a 4-0 conference record at the end of the week. But the league leaders had a tough Howell to contend with Tuesday night, and the Highlanders could end Glenn's modest

three-game winning streak.

Up 17-6 at the end of the first period at Churchill, Glenn had problems breaking the Chargers' half-court press and their lead was cut to 33-29 at the midway point.

Churchill outscored their visitors 19-14 in the third period to go ahead by one, 49-48, to set the stage for a suspense finale. Devin White's three point play lifted the Rockets to a 51-48 lead, but the Chargers tied it at 51, 53 and 55 before Ty Haygood's basket gave the Rockets the lead for good.

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Canucks add 2nd gem to crown

The Westland Canucks added a second gem to their invitational hockey crown.

In the wake of winning the Little Caesar's Invitational Championship last month, the Canucks recently traveled to Flint to compete in the Pee Wee B National Division and surfaced from the ice with their second major tournament title of the season.

"It was a fine overall effort by our team," stressed team manager Jim Fritz, who noted that the eighth annual classic had some outstanding teams in it.

The Canucks opened up the campaign for the championship with an impressive 4-1 victory over the Flint Icelanders.

Then, they skated against an upset-minded Flint Wolverines club and turned the Wolverines back by a 6-2 score.

The victory moved the Westlanders into the semifinal round where they clashed with the Flint Pythons. The Pythons were no match for the Canucks who shut out their rivals, 5-0.

Their third straight win



The Westland Canucks (above) celebrate after their impressive victory over the Flint Blue Wings in the championship game of the 8th annual Flint Classic. Team members include Kris Horn, voted the tourney's MVP, captain Brent Newsted, assistants Bill Fritz, Tony LaPere and Kris Horn. Other members of the team include forwards Jeff Ruark, Ryan Ballinger, Joe Birkhead, Ryan Murphy, Nick Simmons and Dave Tonegatto. The defense is made up of assistant captain Alex McLellan, Aaron Schwartz, Sterling Brooks, Ryan Serison, Jim Rawson, Matt Billingsley and goalie Dylan Grube. Team coaches are Randy Brooks, Ken Newsted, Don Milligan, Jeff Bohnwagner and Jim Fritz. Team members Darrell Plautkas and John Thornhill were not available at the time photo was taken. Michigan Community Newspaper Special Photo

lifted the Canucks into the championship round and the right to play the American Division winner for the invitational championship.

The Flint Blue Wings, also winner of three straight, proved to be a worthy opponent. The game was scoreless until late in the second period when the Canucks broke the deadlock via a power play goal.

In the third period, the

Blue Wings tied the score at the 8:00 minute mark, setting the stage for the duel-to-the-end finish.

But the Canucks stepped up their game and scored two shorthanded goals within a span of two minutes and went up 3-1.

The never-say-die Blue Wings got one of those goals back, but that's all they managed to get and the title went to the Westland team.

The Most Valuable

Player award was presented to hard-working forward and assistant captain Kris Horn for his excellent effort.

"It was a very difficult choice to make because our staff believed each and every one of our players put in a stellar effort," Fritz stressed afterward.

"We're proud of this team and our players. They have represented the club and the city very well."

Romulus shows it's second to none in the Red

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus showed last week it is second to none in the Mega Conference Red hoop division.

After an image-tainting setback at the hands of Monroe in a crossover conference game on Jan. 9, coach Guy DeGiudice's Eagles soared back Friday night and humiliated previously undefeated Ypsilanti, 75-51, before the home town fans.

Last Tuesday, Romulus took its frustration of losing its first and only game of the season out on Inkster. They mopped up 85-53 on the Vikings' floor to remain undefeated in four Red Division starts this season.

DeGiudice and the Eagles were engaged in one of those "emotional games" Tuesday night with Belleville. As the Eagle coach put it: "I don't think a team of mine has ever beaten them. And it's not going to be easy this time either," DeGiudice predicted.

However, it was easy Friday

night against Ypsi, who marched into the showdown with impressive victories over such traditional area powers as Plymouth-Salem, Wayne Memorial, and Westland John Glenn.

Behind balanced scoring provided by Brandon DeYampert, Melvin Hicks, Reggie Kirkland and Myron Gray, the Eagles grabbed a 22-11 first period lead that they never surrendered.

Gray contributed seven and DeYampert six of those first-quarter Romulus points.

The Braves attempted to slow down the tempo in the second frame, but they could not deter the Eagles from their mission. With the lopsided victory, the fallen Eagles were

See ROMULUS, page B-2

Troubled Wayne awaits Belleville

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

When you live and die with the last shot, you'd hope somewhere down the line there would be some relief.

In the case of veteran coach Chuck Henry, and battered Wayne Memorial, which escaped, just barely, with a victory over Inkster Friday night, relief definitely is not on the way.

Wayne played Dearborn Tuesday and will host bitter hoop opponent Belleville Friday night.

Despite the uneasy victory at home over an unheralded Inkster, the defending Mega Conference Red Division champs may find Belleville ripe for picking. The Tigers may come to town softened up after their clash Tuesday with league-leading Romulus.

"We're not going to get any rest this year," warned the Wayne coach. "There isn't a team in this league this year that doesn't have talent."

Wayne expects another one of those proverbial knock-down, drag-out shootouts when Belleville and coach Rod Fisher visit.

"They (Wayne) have lost some close ones this year against some outstanding teams," Fisher said. "If you are not prepared to play Wayne, they will blow you away."

A Belleville win over Romulus would definitely give Fisher and the Tigers a great boost.

It went down to the wire in the Belleville - Willow Run game Friday night.

"We're not going to get any rest this year."

- Chuck Henry

The Tigers outscored Willow Run 26-12 in the final eight minutes of their first Mega Red encounter to pull out a 63-52 victory over the Flyers.

Kevin Harrison, a 6-0 sophomore, came off the bench and fired in 12 of his game high 22 points to spark the Tigers' last-quarter rally.

Belleville led by a basket after the first two periods 14-12 and 27-25, but the Flyers managed to take a slim 40-37 lead before Harrison moved into the battle and shot down the Flyers.

C. J. Grantham, who was credited with a dozen assists, and Spencer Lewis, who contributed eight of his 10 points in that crucial fourth period, also played major roles in the Tigers' turnaround.

Willow Run, which made 12 of 17 free throws, received 12 points from Richard Williams.

Earlier in the week, Belleville couldn't overcome its inept shooting from the floor and a rash of third quarter turnovers that led to their demise at Highland Park.

Up 17-12 after the opening quarter and 27-26 at the half, the Tigers saw their lead vanish 43-37 after three and slipped 61-54 in their first-ever meeting with Highland Park in the past three decades.

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Inkster runner up at Clarenceville Franklin, Jackson win wrestling titles

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Despite fielding a lineup that had three voids, Inkster wrestling coach Sam Ellis got the most out of his Vikings at the annual Clarenceville Invitational.

The Vikings managed to come away from the Redford Township high school with a second-place trophy, nine medals, two of them glittering golds, in a tournament where they finished second best to a strong Warren Woods Tower team.

The usually-critical of his team Inkster coach said he was pleased at the performances of his wrestlers.

"It was a well-balanced tournament," Ellis noted, "and our kids wrestled exceptionally well. We came away with the second-place trophy where there were seven other teams competing."

"That, I feel, is not bad." The Warren grapplers piled up a total of 158 points, 26.5 points better than the second-place finishing Inkster squad. However, Inkster wound up second by the narrowest of margins, beating the host, Clarenceville, out by a mere five-tenths of a point.

Inkster posted a 131.5 to

131.0 margin of victory over Clarenceville. Dearborn Divine Child was next in the final standings. The Falcons had 124.5 points, also a narrow five-tenth of a point victory over Farmington Harrison, which checked in with a 124 total.

Lutheran Westland (105 points), followed by "B" squads from Detroit Catholic Central (65) and Birmingham Seaholm (32) trailed the leaders.

Inkster's Marlon Franklin ruled the 145-pound weight division. His teammate, Keith Jackson, was the best grappler at the 152 weight class.

Both Inkster champs won their final matches via falls: Franklin turned back Tony Spencer's bid for a gold with a 4:42 pin over the wrestler from Divine Child; Jackson pinned Harrison's Gary Kurzynski in 3:17.

The Vikings had two runners-up. Robert Hudson's dream of a gold in the 112-pound class was shattered by Justin Shader of Harrison, who pinned the Viking in the finals 3:30.

Shanti Walton settled for the silver when Clarenceville's Tony Rachaza outlasted him in the 160-pound bout in overtime. Rachaza earned a 3-1 decision.

Inkster had two bronzes as Mike Franklin won his match in the consolation round of the 130-pound class. Franklin carded a 1:29 pin over Harrison's Jeff Lazor. In the meantime, Franklin's teammate, James Barney emerged from the mats with a 1:31 pin over CC's Arthur Spolsky.

The Vikings also registered three four-places thanks to the performances of Chauncey Darden (119), Jerame Armstrong (125) and Quinton Hutton (135).

Ellis and the Vikings suffered a setback in their bids to become the first champ in the Mega Conference, Blue Division as Thurston handed them their first defeat, 45-17.

"We just could not overcome the handicap created by forfeits in four weights," said Ellis after the meet.

Seated in second-place as they prepare to host Redford Union today (Thursday), the Vikings stepped a notch down from first to make room for Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3-0) which now has sole possession of the divisional lead. Sandwiched with Inkster in second place are Thurston and Woodhaven.

In the meantime, Belleville tuned up for its own invitational with an impressive showing at the Romulus Royal Tournament held on Saturday at Romulus High.

Although the complete results were not available at press time, the Tigers had a 20-point cushion over its closest opponent in a field of some 19 teams.

Injury-plagued Canton managed to pick up four medals at the tournament.

Robert Demick, who won four of his five matches, settled for a fifth place medal after winding up with a second-round loss that forced the Canton 160-pounder into the loser's bracket.

Teammates Brian Musser (140), Jared Chapman (215) and heavyweight A. J. Maloni also finished with fifth place awards.

Belleville High will host its annual Tiger Wrestling Invitational beginning at 10 a.m. There is a small admission charge.

Westland John Glenn has opted to wrestle Saturday in the Hartland Invitational, while Plymouth-Salem will travel to the Holt Invitational.

"We're not going to get any rest this year," warned the Wayne coach. "There isn't a team in this league this year that doesn't have talent."

Wayne expects another one of those proverbial knock-down, drag-out shootouts when Belleville and coach Rod Fisher visit.

"They (Wayne) have lost some close ones this year against some outstanding teams," Fisher said. "If you are not prepared to play Wayne, they will blow you away."

A Belleville win over Romulus would definitely give Fisher and the Tigers a great boost.

It went down to the wire in the Belleville - Willow Run game Friday night.

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Local athlete is inducted into powerlifting Hall of Fame

Belleville entrepreneur and world-renown athlete C. J. Batten was among four world and national powerlifting champions who were recently inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The 54-year-old Batten was selected for the newly-created "Hall" for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of powerlifting and his dedication to the sport.

Batten becomes a "charter member" of the Hall, which was established in Barren Springs, Michigan and will have a permanent structure in that city.

Batten told the induction committee that he was honored and thrilled at the unique tribute bestowed upon him.

C. J. Batten has been on the U.S. World Powerlifting team for the past three years, and as a member of the team has traveled and competed in such countries as Hungary, Austria and Denmark. He owns several world, national and state records in his specialty.

He has become a dominate force behind the grueling sports, promoting its benefits worldwide, nationally and in the state of Michigan.

Also inducted into the Michigan Powerlifting Hall of Fame are Bill Beckwith (posthumously); Gary Kruger, who is still an active lifter and former WDFPF world champion; and Lloyd Coon, former IPF world champ, who also is a

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coach and state chairman.

The Romulus businessman also is active sponsoring seminars that help promote the sport. This year's seminars will be conducted Feb. 7 and Feb. 8 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Romulus.

Some of the greats of the sport will be guest speakers and presenters at the annual workshop. Among those who will make cameo appearances include Eddy Coan, Kirk Karwoski, James Henderson and Tee "Skinny Man" Myers.

For more information about the seminar, contact C. J. Batten at 734-946-9850. He can be reached by FAX 734-946-6499 or write to him at 28884 Highland Road in Romulus, MI.

Wayne

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Grantham's 12 points were the best for the Tigers. Teammate John Edwards scored 10.

Wayne had its problems with Inkster. The Vikings made the champs sweat before yielding a 55-48 decision in a Mega Red Conference game.

Quentin Turner, who took charge of the boards late in the game, and Jamar Davis, who came up with seven big points, helped Wayne overcome deficits of 16-8 and 27-18 first half deficits.

Wayne stopped the turnover-prone Vikings cold

with an 18-7 third period as Nathan Wade came off the bench and contributed all seven of his points, including a big three-pointer, in the pivotal period.

Wayne outscored Inkster 19-14 in the final eight minutes.

Turner scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Davis had nine, but he also had six assists and five steals.

Wayne senior captain Brian Williams wound up on the bench early because of foul trouble. He sat out most of the second and third periods before seeing action in the fourth. Williams finished with seven points.

Inkster's Kevin French was

the only Viking in double figures. He scored 11.

"I felt we let this one get away from us," said first-year Inkster coach Hilton Graham. "We played a solid game in the first half, but made too many mistakes in the stretch, which cost us the game."

Graham and the Vikings won't find it easy pulling out of their doldrums this week. They had a frustrated Ypsi to contend with Tuesday night and on Friday will clash with an underachieving River Rouge teams which has not lived up to pre-season expectations of being the best "in any class" high school team in the state this year.

Romulus

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back on top.

Romulus went into the locker room with a 35-22 lead. They came back after the intermission and pounded the Braves into submission by outscoring their opponents 21-13 and 19-16 in the final two periods.

DeYampert and Hicks each

scored 13 points; Kirkland and Gray chipped in with 11 apiece.

Ypsi's Andy Brooks led all scorers with 20s. The Braves had 27 four opportunities and cashed in on 14 of them. Romulus bagged 11 of 18 free throws.

Romulus also never trailed against an improved Inkster team. Up 16-10 after one, the Eagles moved ahead 40-28 at the half, then outscored their hosts 18-10 and 27-15 for the fi-

nal two periods.

Hicks' 15 points stood up as the game's high. Kirkland and Travis Hooks checked in with 11 apiece and DeYampert was satisfied with 10.

Romulus' Chris Huggins, a 6-4 forward, contributed nine points and played a pivotal role on the boards where he hauled in 10 rebounds.

Inkster's Mario Logwood and Mike Williams split 20 points between them.

Glenn

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Glenn's Eric Jones, who scored a game high 16 points, sank the last five points, three of them clutch free throws, in this game that wasn't supposed to be close.

Jones was joined by center Yaku Moton, who scored 13 points, in the double-figure scoring column.

Glenn turned in its best overall performance of the season against Northville earlier in the week. With Jones, White and Stephan Lawson all scoring in two figures, the Rockets shot down their nem-

Salem

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vantage at halftime.

Harrison tied the game at 10, but never led in this one. The Hawks did manage to make a comeback after the intermission, but it was a futile one. They came within within eight (46-38) of catching up by outscoring their visitors 16-13, but that's the closest they ever got in the second half, despite Karen Smart's heroics.

Salem put Harrison away with a 20-13 edge in the final

eight minutes.

Smartt scored 13 for the Hawks, which also canned eight of 13 at the free throw line. The Rocks capitalized on six of their eight chances at the foul line.

Brodie said he was pleased with his team, especially the way the squad has gotten down to playing defense.

"We had two quality teams

out there," Brodie added. "It was a well-played and officiated game."

Salem will return to the hardwood Friday night when the Rocks travel to Farmington for another Western Lakes game.

On Tuesday, Salem will return home for its second home game of the New Year. They'll host Northville.

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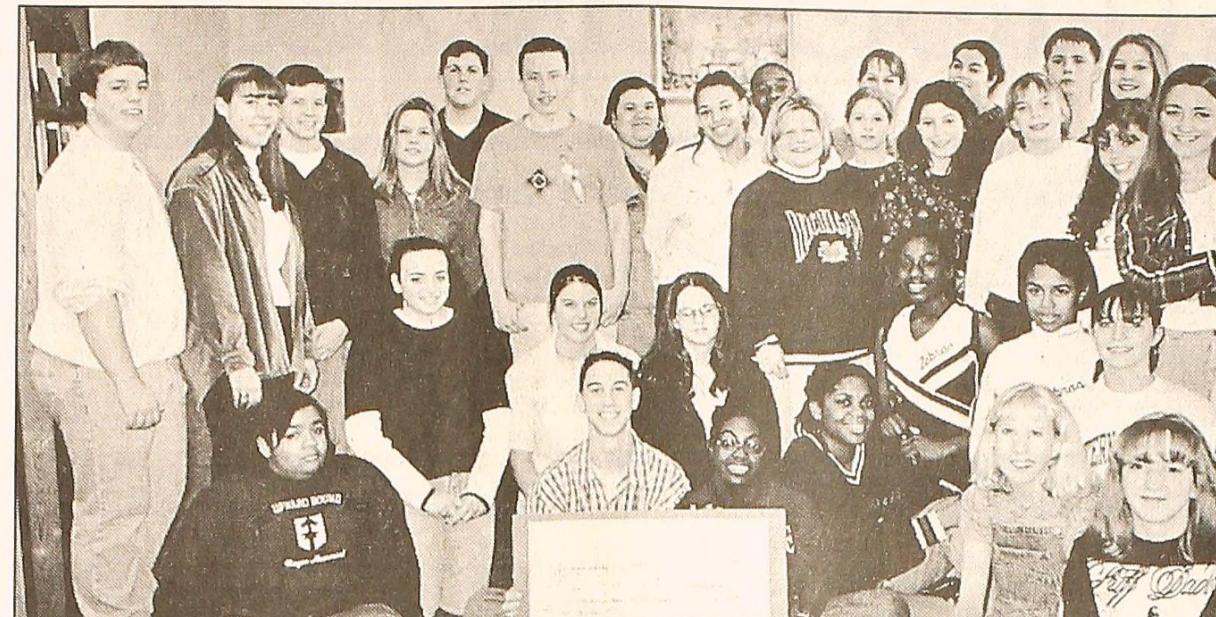
Wayne students raise funds

Thanks to a special effort by Wayne Memorial High School students, many Wayne County residents in need will receive extra assistance through PeopleCare, a program jointly operated by Consumers Energy and the Salvation Army.

"Turn Up The Heat" was devised by the Wayne Memorial student senate to benefit PeopleCare program recipients. Students carried empty cans to classes for about a week, and asked fellow students, teachers, school staff and administrators for donations. Several collection cans were also placed in local grocery stores. The can campaign collected \$776, and the student senate voted to round out the donation to an even \$1,000.

Senior Andrea McCahill, student senate president, was co-organizer along with senior Ricky Gabel. "We'd never done anything like this to help those in need in our community. We heard about a similar program at a student senate conference and decided to give it a try," McCahill said.

The PeopleCare program helps needy families by providing food, shelter, clothing and other emergency aid. In 1997, PeopleCare distributed \$710,000 to more than 14,000 families across Michigan. In addition, energy bill credits



Wayne Memorial High School student senate members raised money to benefit Wayne County residents through the PeopleCare program. They presented a \$1,000 check to Consumers Energy and the Salvation Army, co-sponsors of the program. MCN Special Photo

equaling \$1.5 million were provided separately by Consumers Energy. Eligibility for assistance or bill credits is determined by the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is one of the oldest nonprofit organizations providing social service assistance in the United States. The organization was selected by Consumers Energy to distribute funds raised by the PeopleCare campaign because of its experience in screening applicants and processing aid.

At a school check presentation, Bill Pike, Wayne area manager for Consumers Energy, offered students his sincere thanks on behalf of the

utility and PeopleCare program.

"It's great to see students like yourselves who care about the community in which they live. Thanks to your efforts, you'll help many Wayne County residents through PeopleCare. They may need help paying their grocery bill, medical bill or energy — whatever the need you are helping to meet it," Pike said.

Consumers Energy customers can participate in the PeopleCare program by checking the box at the top of January energy bills to make a donation of \$1 per month, or a one-time donation of \$5. Larger contributions can also be made by sending a check to

PeopleCare, 212 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201.

Scholarships awarded

Several former and current Westland John Glenn High School students have recently been awarded scholarships.

Colleen Wright, a senior at John Glenn, competed in the Presidential Scholarship Competition, and has been selected to receive a Regent's Scholarship from Eastern Michigan University.

She is the daughter of Marshall and Linda Wright of Westland. Colleen is an honor roll student and is involved in many school activities.

Schoolcraft College recently awarded Faculty Academic Scholarships for the winter 1998 semester.

Winners from Westland included Charlene Ann Guinn in biology, Michelle M. Kapchus in corrections, and Mary Oliverson in occupational therapy assistance.

Dean's list reported

Students from around the area were named to the dean's list at the Detroit College of Business.

Lisa A. Brackett, John Bragg, Diana J. Cprek, Russell Flynn, Michael S. Furniss, Josephine Margaret Labuda, Sandra Nielsen, Donald Rozmiarek, John Sokira,

Evelyn Marie Woodruff, and D'aira Searcy of Canton.

Students making the dean's list from Wayne included Shayna Lynn Burghardt, Michael Renaldo Coleman, Kathleen Marie Saile, Michelle L. Schulte, Jacquelyn Marie Scott, and Barbara A. St. Amant.

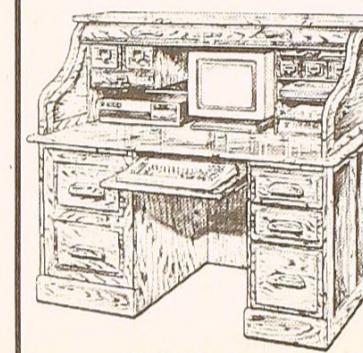
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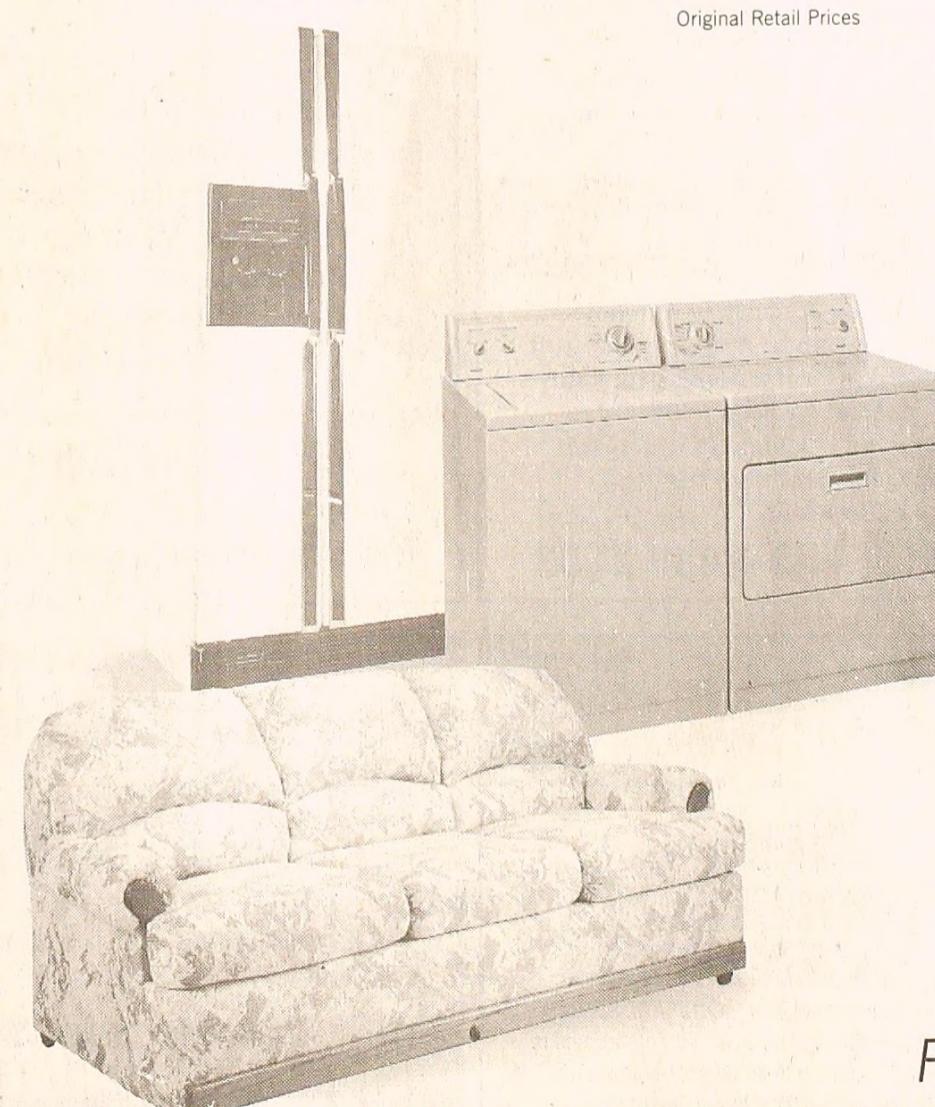
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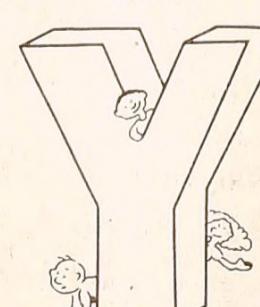
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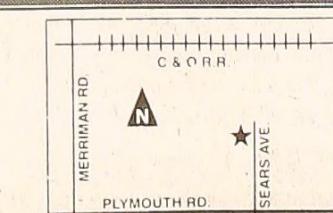
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shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action, together with a sum of \$5.00 for each description, without additional cost or institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description: State of Michigan, County of Wayne, Parcel ID 80051010092300 OS-BERGS AIRPORT ESTATES SUB T3S R9E L64 P35 WCR LOT 92 AND E 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY

This is an improved residential property. Property Address: 10170 Hyde Park, Romulus

Amount Paid: \$1,610.96, taxes for 1992

Amount necessary to redeem: \$2,421.44 Plus fees of the Sheriff.

FUNB Custodian for PCSI, Inc.

1700 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Ste. 1100A

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Publish: Jan. 22, 1998

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that on Wednesday, January 28, 1998 at 9:00 am, at Crova's Towing, 36573 Grant, Romulus, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

1987 Ford Fairmont 2 dr.

1988 Ford Escort 2 dr.

1989 Dodge Shadow 4 dr.

1990 Ford T-Bird 2 dr.

1991 Mercury Topaz 4 dr.

1992 Ford Mustang 2 dr.

1993 Ford Contour 4 dr.

1994 Ford Tempo 2 dr.

1995 Ford Taurus 4 dr.

1996 Ford Escort 2 dr.

1997 Ford Pinto 2 dr.

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AVON-A+ Opportunity! Full/part time, No Door-Door! \$6-\$15+/hr. 1-800-286-2606. Ind/Sls/Rep.**BABY SITTER NEEDED** full time, Westland, three children, must have experience, be reliable w/transportation, non-smoker, references. 313-326-9342.**CABLE TV** contractor needs person to pick up parts, deliver to field techs., organize parts, wash vehicles, etc. Must have own vehicle. 313-695-5666.**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES!****GENERAL LABOR-** Canton, Belleville. All shifts. Long-term. Steel-toe boots required. \$6+/hr.**ASSEMBLY-** Wayne, Canton. \$6+/hr. Light work, clean environment. Long-term. 1st shift.**LIGHT INDUSTRIAL-** Canton. 11am to 7:30pm. \$6/hr. + OT.**MACHINE OPERATORS/** INSPECTORS- Romulus, Taylor, 1st & 2nd shifts. Evaluation hire. \$7+/hr.**WAREHOUSE-** Canton. All shifts. Lift to 50s+. Evaluation hire. \$7.50/hr.**MATERIAL HANDLERS-** Canton. All shifts. Evaluation hire. \$7/hr. + OT!**EXPRESS SERVICES** 313-467-5450**DIRECT CARE STAFF**

Very well managed Belleville Group Home needs caring staff to serve developmentally disabled ladies. HS diploma or GED and Mi drivers license required. Full/part time positions starting at \$6.50/hr. Excellent benefits. Call Judy, 313-699-6543.

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Group home openings for midnights and afternoons. Valid drivers license, paid training, competitive wage and benefits. Call 762-0338 or 454-3764.

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Needed in Westland. Must have valid driver's license and dependable for afternoons and weekends. Preferably trained. 721-3641.

DIRECT CARE WORKER

Mature, dependable people needed with drivers license. 728-8797.

DUE TO RAPID increase in business, National Auto Glass Company is in need of an experienced CSR for the Wayne area. Pleasant telephone skills with an outgoing personality needed. We offer an excellent salary with full benefits including health insurance and 401K. Please call 800-526-4809 or fax resumes to 717-342-3393.**DRIVER/SEMI**

Romulus area. CDL/A License required. \$8 per hour to start with \$500 minimum guaranteed. 248-559-7744.

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No experience required. Aid adult special population with rec outings, work and home activities. Full/part time. Personal time, health and dental insurance included. In Westland, 326-5320.

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To work in AIS facility. All shifts available. Full & part time. Must be 18 years or older and have a valid drivers license and high school diploma or equivalent. 313-537-9058 Redford area, 313-584-7118 Dearborn area.

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Can be proud to work in our group home near Belleville. All shifts available. \$7/hr. if trained. Good benefits. Call Diane, 313-699-7497.

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Needed at Terry's K-9 Design. Please call Terry at 313-722-6340.

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EXPERIENCED COOK

Apply in person, Pickle-barrel Inn, 10256 Willis Rd., Willis, 461-2391.

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People to work in group home. Will train. \$6.50 to start, full benefits. 728-2821 or 697-8339.

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Dependable, responsible person needed to do filing, typing, and general office work. Please apply in person, 1647 Inkster Rd., Garden City.

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PM shift, retirees welcome. Apply at Clanton Hotel, Metro Airport, 9191 Wickham Rd., Romulus.

INSTRUCTOR FOR day

program working with developmentally disabled consumers. Monday thru Friday, 8-4, excellent benefits. 313-729-8470.

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JANITOR

Seeking a dependable janitor. Apply at Saturn Electronics, 28450 Northline Rd., Romulus. 941-8100.

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for senior apartment community, full time, benefits. Please apply at 100 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. E.O.E.

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Newspaper Advertising sales person for rapidly growing Western Wayne County newspaper group to call on Auto Dealers in a 3 county area. Salary + commission + mileage. Full benefit package. Contact Ron at (313) 729-4000 for appointment.

SALES POSITION

Salary plus commission for computer business in Belleville. Contact Ron at Motor City Micro, 697-7292 for appointment.

LUMBER SORTERS and nailers needed in Romulus area for outdoor work. \$6.70/hr with overtime, chance to advance. 248-559-7744.**Maintenance Technician**

Immediate opening for full time position. Must have experience in machine repair, trouble shooting and be self motivated. Welding and electrical experience preferred. Excellent benefits and above average starting pay. If interested call:

Metal Improvement Co.

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needed for Gastroenterology office in Wayne. 15-30 hours a week (no weekends). Experience in GI billing preferred. Contact Jennifer at (313) 729-6402 or fax resume to (313) 729-6405.

MODELS WANTED

between the ages of 7-23 to model casual/formal wear in National's 1998 Detroit pageant competitions. No past experience necessary/training will be provided. Call anytime 1-800-643-9701 for info.

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PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Needed for trucking industry leader. Must be able to work nights. Great potential for advancement. Apply in person at Con-Way Central Express, 600 Middlebelt, Romulus, MI.

PAYROLL/PAYABLES CLERK

Challenging full time position for experienced payroll person. Duties include knowledge of Windows 95, workers comp., employee benefits, payables and more. Please send resume to:

Wayne Living Center

4429 Venoy Rd., Wayne, MI 48184 ATTN: Lesley Skog

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Minimum of three years proven experience. Press machine set up/shut down. Fine tune adjustments, pressure machine setting and process verification.

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Human Resources P.O. Box 970939 Ypsilanti, MI 48197**SECRETARY** Wanted, day shift. Electronics firm is seeking a good, dependable secretary. Good pay and benefits. Call 941-8100.**SECURITY**

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Process Technician

Please apply in person Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at:

9309 Middlebelt Rd., (at Wick, next to McDonald's)

76. Snowmobiles

1993 YAMAHA Phazer II, low miles, red, \$3,000. 734-641-0498 after 4pm.

87. Rooms for Rent

AAA Deluxe Rooms HBO, refrigerator, low daily/weekly rates. Tel-96 Inn, 535-4100. Willow Acres Motel, 721-1220.

BELLEVILLE SLEEPING room, furnished, utilities included. \$65 per week plus security. 699-3232.

DORM STYLE, includes laundry facilities, kitchen, private entrance, and utilities. Phone hook-up available. Non-drinkers preferred. \$75-\$95/wk. Call Dan or Anita at 595-3232.

PRIVATE ROOM, shared house, cable, micro-laundry. \$65/wk. 721-0232, 1-800-243-9723.

WANTED: SINGLE female. Prefer non-smoker to share living expenses in furnished doublewide mobile home. \$400 per month (includes utilities). References. Belleville area. 313-461-0056.

88. Duplexes for Rent

NICE THREE BR, carpeted, freshly painted, clean, nice yard. Section 8 welcome. (313) 641-2889.

NORWAYNE, 3 BR, 3213 Genesee. \$535 plus \$535 security. Call 734-336-2863.

TWO BEDROOM duplex, fenced yard, carpeted, nice. (313) 641-2889.

WESTLAND-NORWAYNE Call for list of available 2 and 3 BR duplex's, also single family. Nortex Associates, 734-722-6444.

89. Apartments for Rent

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WESTLAND Large 2 BR, newly decorated, appliances, heat. Cozy park-like setting.

From \$490

Ask for Managers Special!

Call 9am-7pm

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90. Condos for Rent

BELLEVILLE CONDO, 2 BR, 1 1/2 bath, carpeted. Immed. occupancy. \$600/mo. 248-503-2007.

92. Business Places to Rent

STORE FOR rent in the heart of Romulus. 941-1616.

96. Houses for Rent

BY METRO Airport. 4 bedroom house, 2 baths, central air. \$800 per month. 941-1616.

BY METRO airport. 3 BR house. \$700 per month. 941-1616.

INKSTER, 3 Br colonial, partially finished basement, washer/dryer, fenced, pets OK. Option to buy! \$600.

RENTAL PROFESSIONALS (313) 513-RENT

INKSTER, THREE BR, full

Security deposit required. \$600/mo. 313-482-2739.

TWO BR, Norwayne area, several available. Sharp units. Section 8 OK. Nortex Assoc. 734-722-6444.

WESTLAND, 2 BR, carport. Avail. Feb. 1. Nice condition. Section 8 welcome. \$525/mo. plus deposit. 729-4816.

ROMULUS, 2+ BR, attached garage. Lg. country lot (2 acres). \$550/mo. plus deposit. 729-1128.

ROMULUS, 3 BR ranch, window treatments, carpeted, ceiling fans, fenced in yard. \$600.

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TAYLOR, 3 BR brick ranch, dining room, utility room, fenced yard for pets. \$650.

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\$159* per month



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'94 ESCORT,
80670A, 4 dr., auto, low miles

'95 ESCORT,
80514A, clean, sporty

'92 AEROSTAR,
62902B, V-6, auto, clean

'90 CARAVAN,
73204A, very clean, 7 passenger

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73227A, like new condition, loaded

'96 ESCORT,
80538A, auto, A/C, stereo

'95 ESCORT,
80524B, auto, A/C, 33,000 miles

'94 T-BIRD,
80614A, loaded, 3.8 V-6, blue

'94 TAURUS,
73381B, family car

KIDS-88

\$199* per month



'93 PROBE,
80764A, loaded, V-6, power roof

'93 F-150 PICK-UP,
U5444, red, auto, 6 cyl.

'96 NEON HIGHLINE,
U5369, auto, A/C, 4 dr.

'95 ESCORT WAGON LX,
80917A, 4 dr., red, 33,000 miles

'95 ESCORT STATION WAGON,
U5363, low miles, auto

'96 ESCORT LX,
73349A, black, 2 dr., hatchback

'97 ESCORT,
71733A, black, loaded, auto, sharp

'97 NEON,
U5342, 2 dr., sporty, auto, A/C

'89 CLUBWAGON XLT,
72068A, 80,000 miles, nice truck!

'97 ESCORT,
U5416, 4 dr., A/C, clean

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73386A, auto, A/C, 2 dr., sporty

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'96 ESCORT STATION WAGON,
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\$219* per month

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71667A, 4 dr., auto, air

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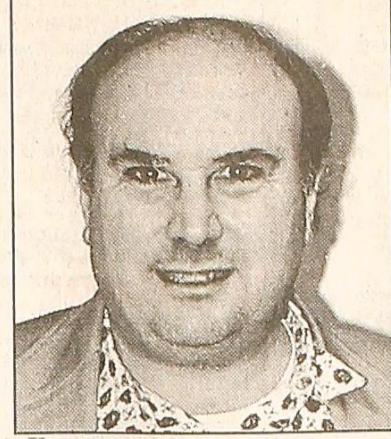
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Halfman earns MCN honors

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Ivan Halfman, editor of the Sunday *Eyewitness* newspaper, has been named the Michigan Community Newspapers employee of the month for January, MCN General Manager Ron Spielman revealed on Monday.

Halfman, who also is responsible for local news coverage of the Westland and Canton areas for the MCN's Thursday editions, was cited by Spielman for taking on additional duties since the retirement of MCN Managing Editor Joan Dyer-Zinner in December.



Ivan Halfman

Halfman was announced this month's winner at a break-

fast for newspaper employees.

In addition, Halfman supplies almost all of the news coverage for the *Eyewitness* newspaper each week, Spielman said.

Halfman has been a working journalist for about a decade, formerly working for *The Reminder* weekly newspaper.

He has been editor of the *Eyewitness* newspaper for about a year and a half. He enjoys transcribing the *Sound Off* column each Sunday, stating "readers are my best sources."

The 49-year-old Canton resident is an active Internet user and enjoys reading Internet newspapers. Halfman is the father of two daughters.



Puppeteers

Young puppeteers Austin and Alyssa Unsicker and Amber (top row) plus Shannon Stepen, Trevor Unsicker and Kayla Stepen play in front of the puppet theater made by Jim Napiorkowski, former Romulus treasurer. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

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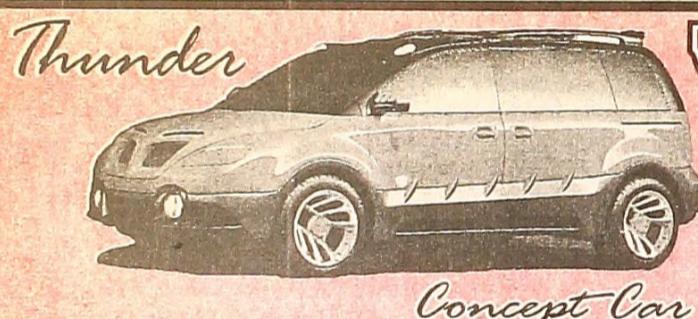
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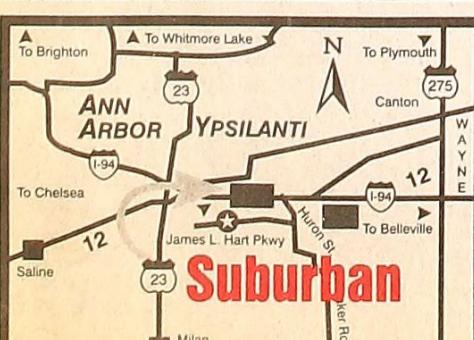
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